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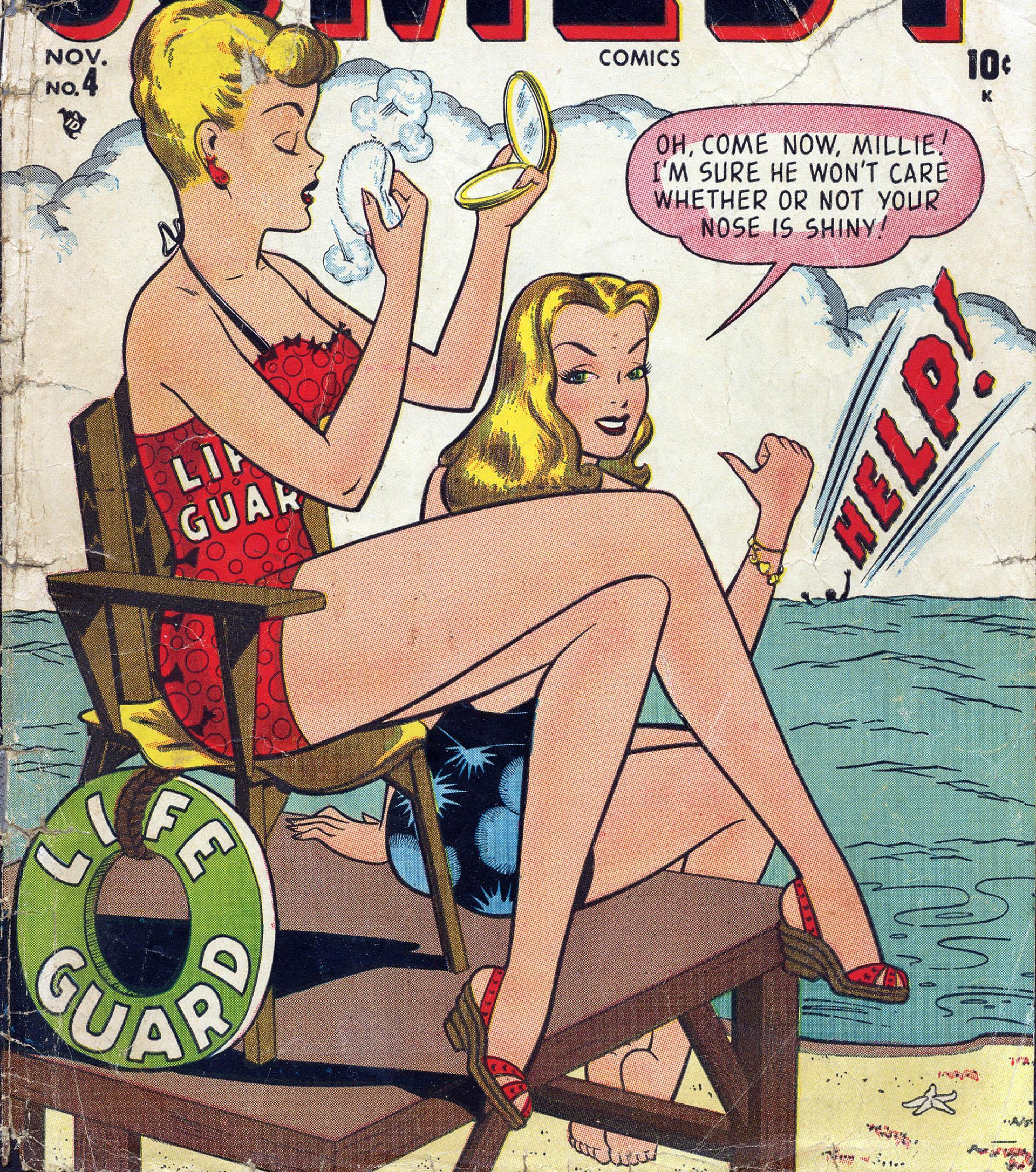
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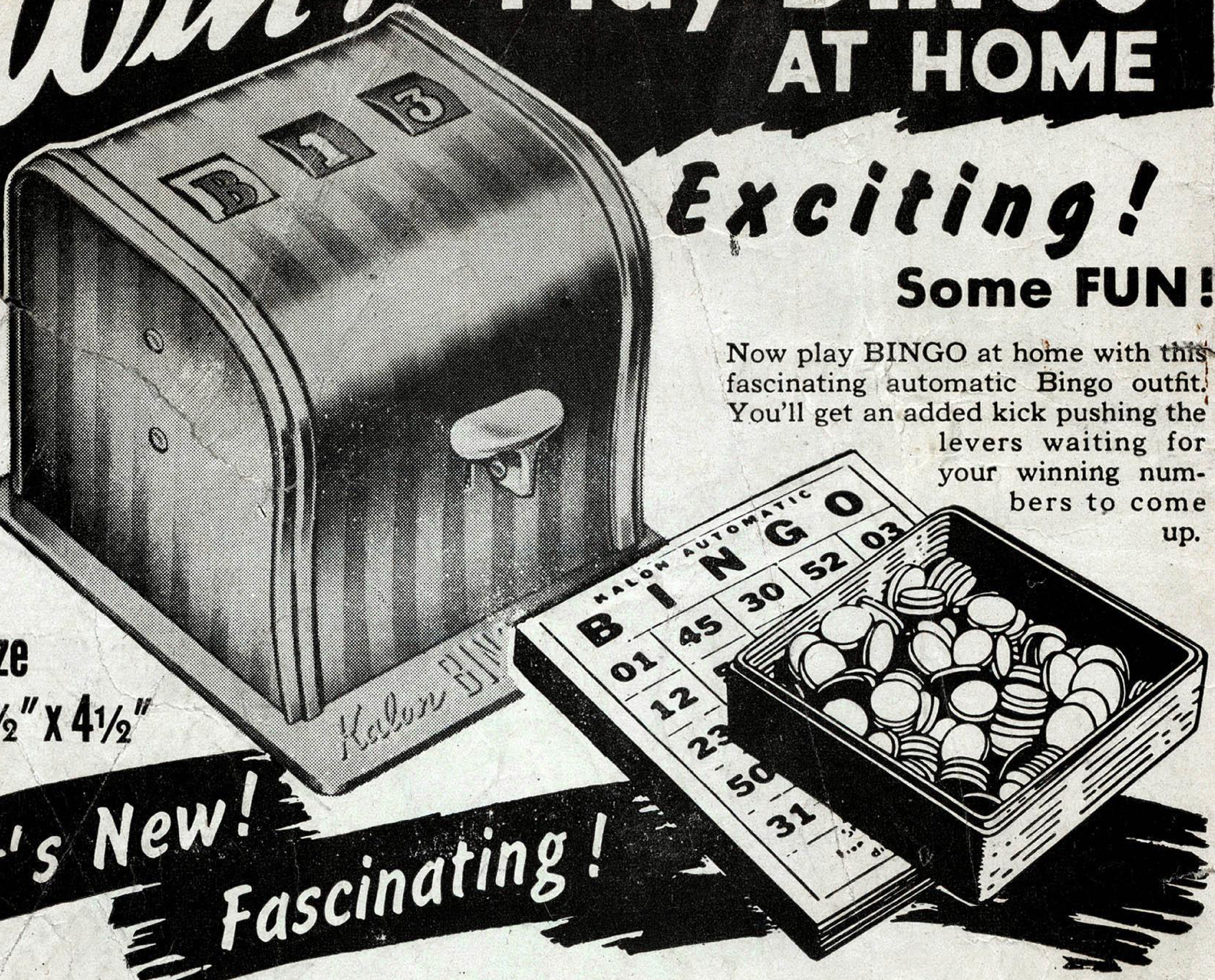

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HEDY DE VINE
IN
"MARRIAGE-MINDED MAIDEN!"
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OF ALL THE LIGHTS OUT THERE, NOT ONE SHINES SO BRIGHTLY AS YOU, MY DARLING! WILL YOU BE MINE? WILL YOU MARRY ME?
CLIFFORD, YOU'RE DREADFULLY UNORIGINAL!
IS THAT ALL YOU CAN SAY TO ME WHEN I TELL YOU I LOVE YOU?
THAT IS ALL I CAN SAY TO YOU, MY DEAR! YOU KNOW SO WELL THAT THIS CAN NEVER BE!
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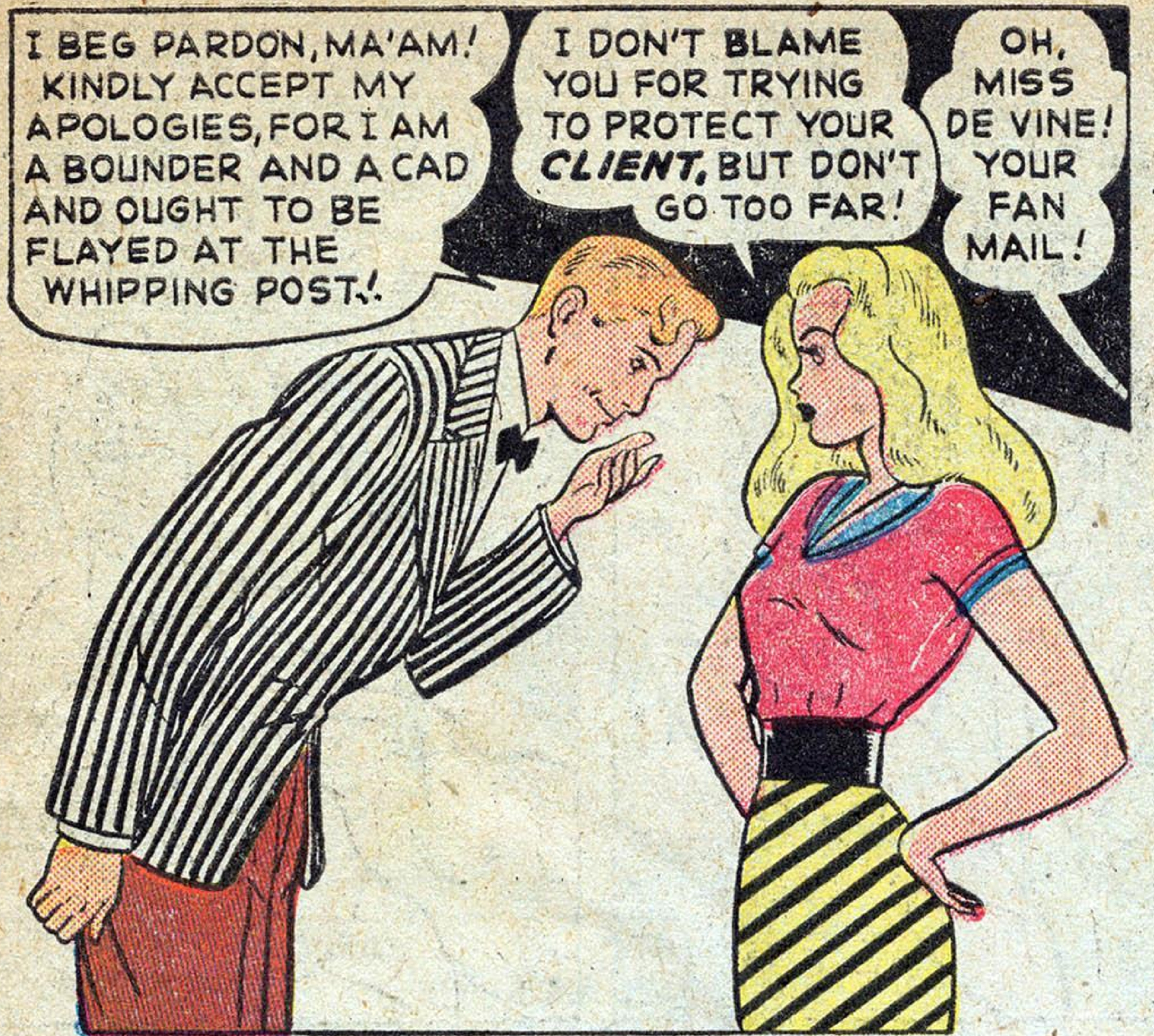
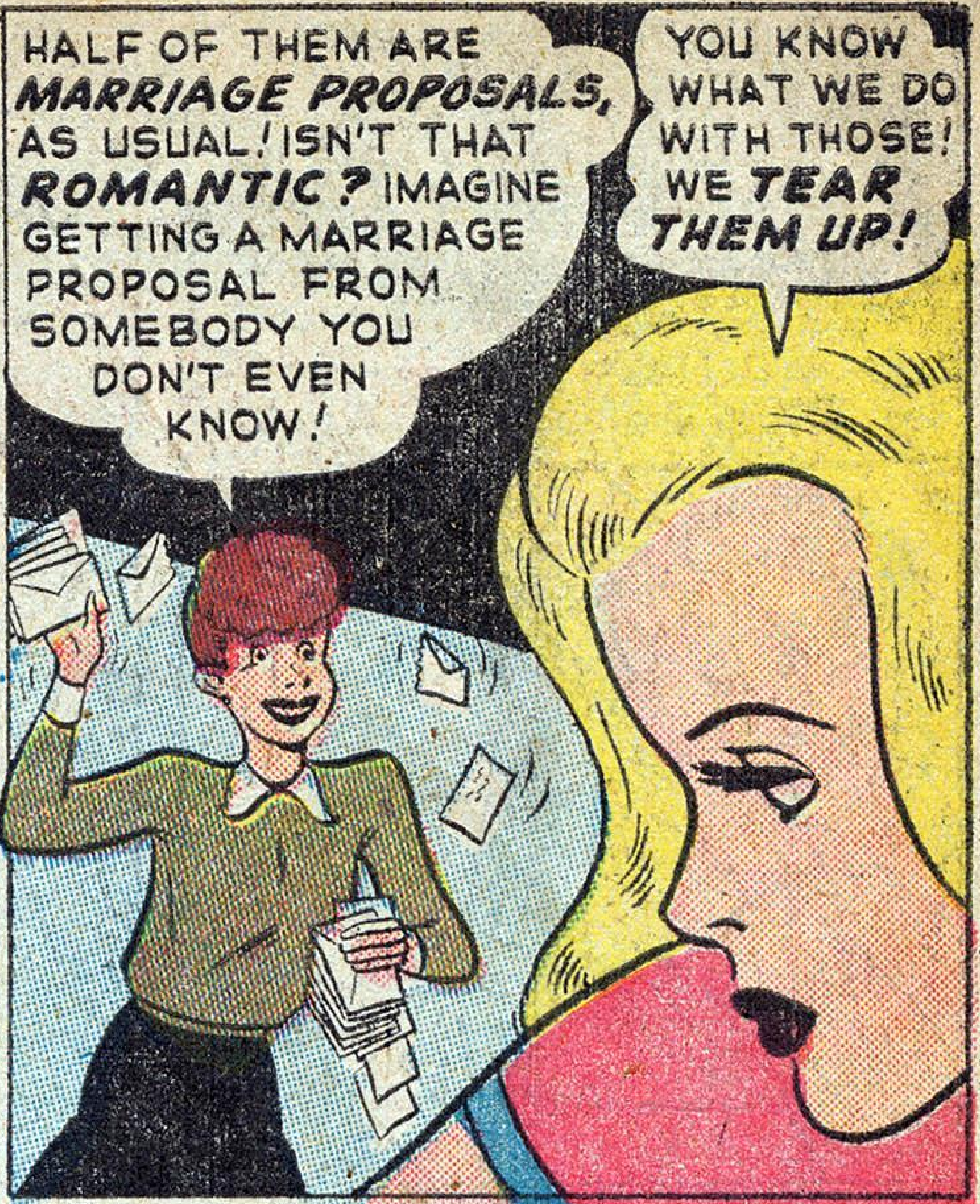
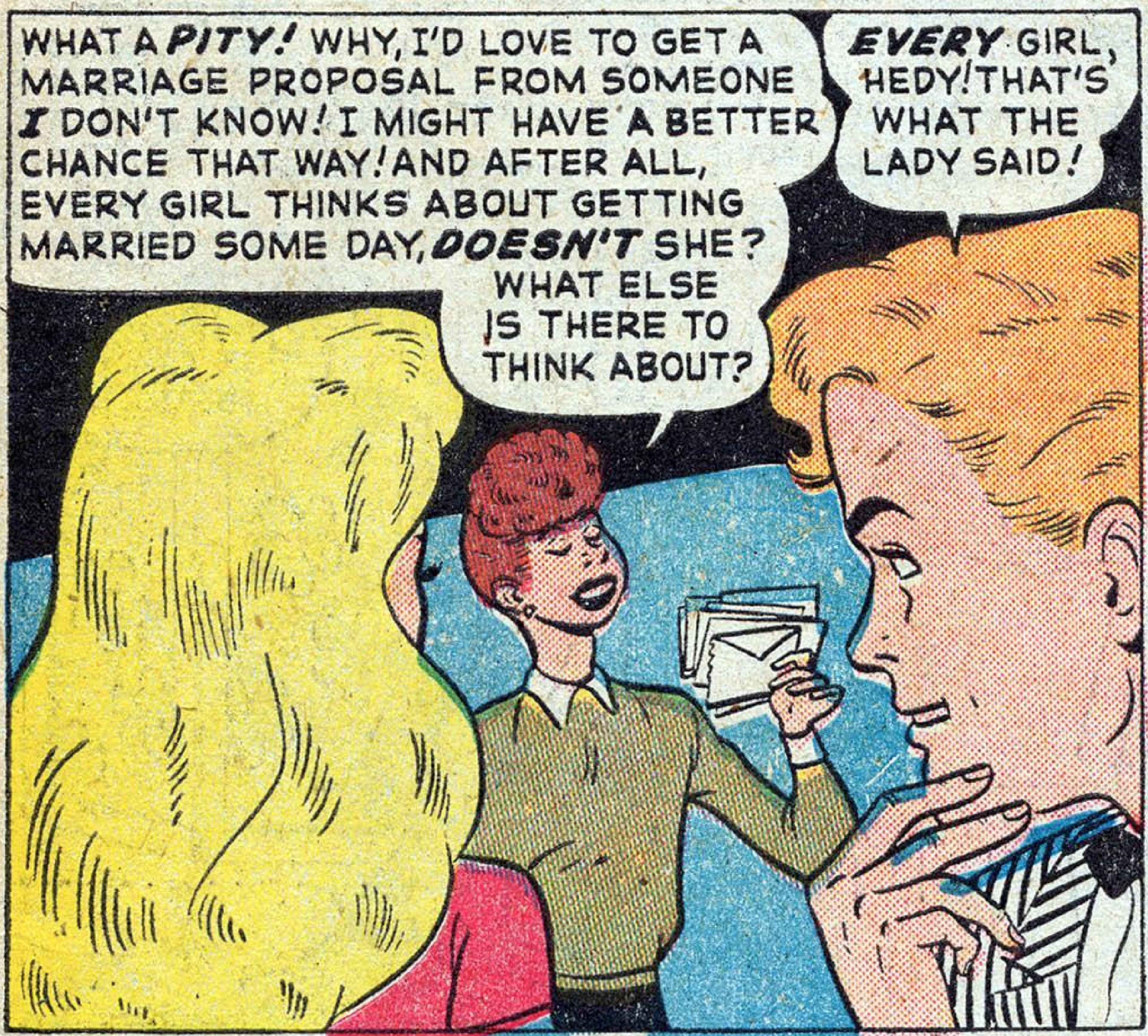
ADMIT THAT YOU LOVE ME, TOO! AT LEAST LET ME KNOW THAT!
NO, CLIFF! NO! YOU ARE THE ONE MAN IN THE WORLD WHOM I CANNOT ALLOW MYSELF TO LOVE!
ONCE I THOUGHT WE HAD A CHANCE, MY DEAR, BUT NOW I KNOW! THIS MUST BE THE END! THIS IS GOOD-BYE!
THIS IS THE **END** FOR ME! THE END OF **EVERYTHING!**
CUT! THAT'S ALL FOR TODAY, FOLKS! HEDY, THAT WAS GREAT! **COLOSSAL!** THE SOB HOUNDS WILL GO FOR THIS!
GOOD HEAVENS, WHAT A CORNY SCRIPT!
SOME PEOPLE MIGHT THINK IT'S QUITE BEAUTIFUL, RODNEY!
OH, MISS DE VINE, YOU WERE **WONDERFUL!** IT WAS ALL SO—SO UTTERLY **BEAUTIFUL!**
WHY, THANK YOU! IT'S VERY KIND OF YOU TO SAY THAT!
YOU SEE! I GUESS THEY JUST PASSED YOU BY WHEN THEY HANDED OUT THE **HEARTS!**
HEDY, YOU CUT ME TO THE QUICK! JUST TO SHOW YOU I DO HAVE A HEART LET ME TAKE YOU TO **DINNER** TONIGHT!
THAT DOESN'T PROVE YOU HAVE A **HEART!** IT ONLY MEANS YOU HAVE A **STOMACH!** BUT **I** HAVE ONE, TOO, SO IT'S A DATE!
GREEN-EYED MONSTER

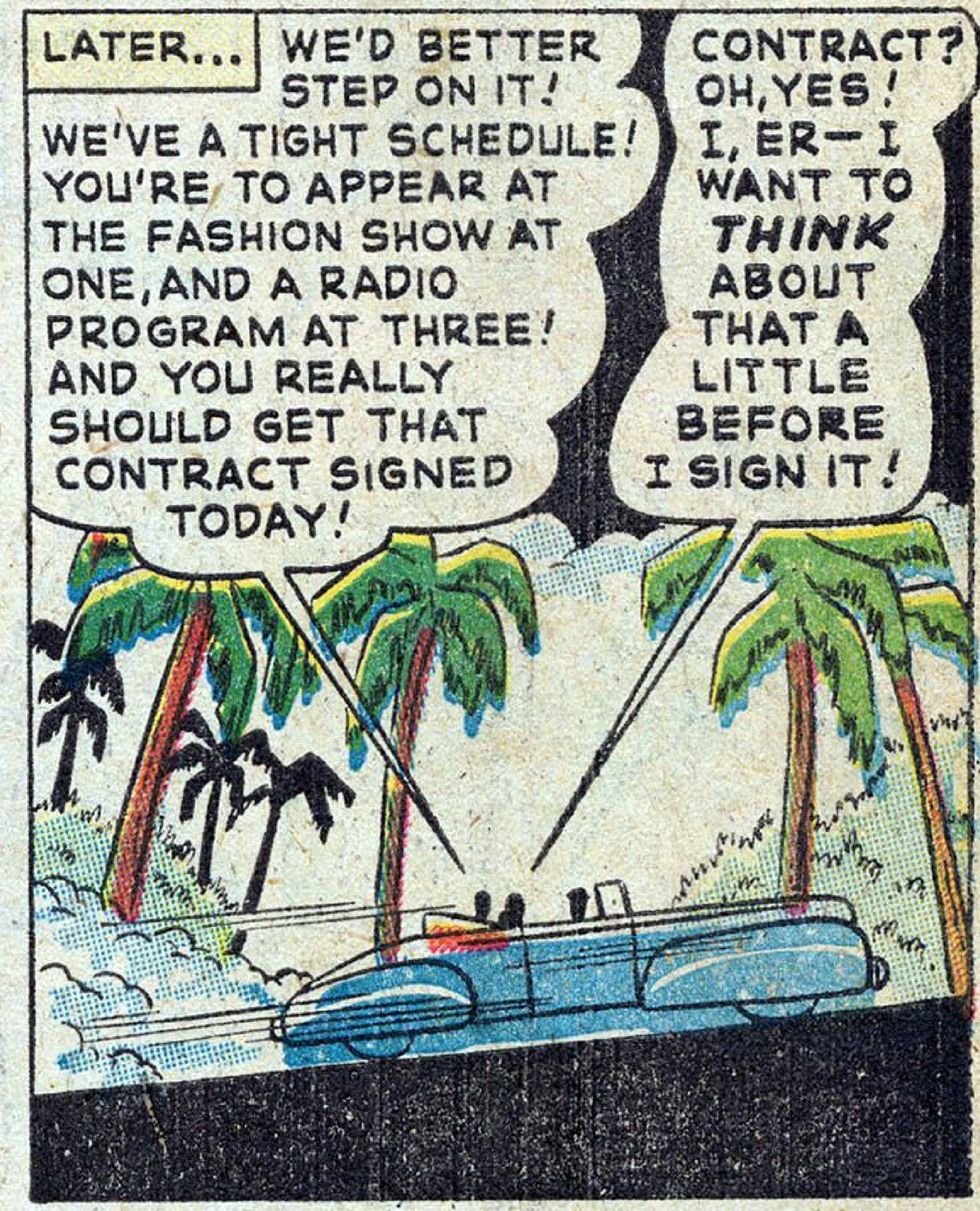
MIGHT BE FUN HAVING DINNER WITH RODNEY TOWERS! I'VE NEVER THOUGHT OF HIM AS A *DATE*, BUT HE SEEMS KIND OF NICE!
OH, GABBY! ARE YOU WAITING TO SEE ME?
YEAH! COULD YA GIVE ME A LIFT HOME? MY CAR'S BEING OVERHAULED! AND BESIDES, THERE'S SOMETHING I WANT TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT!
ABOUT YOUR NEW CONTRACT, HEDY! I THINK WE OUGHT TO GO OVER IT IN DETAIL!
WHY, GABBY, I LEAVE THAT SORT OF THING UP TO **YOU**! AS MY AGENT, I TRUST YOU COMPLETELY!
BUT THIS IS DIFFERENT, HEDY! THERE'S ONE NEW CLAUSE THEY WANT TO PUT IN! IT'S A—A, ER—"***NO MARRIAGE***" CLAUSE! YOU W---WOULDN'T OBJECT, WOULD YOU?
WHY—WHY, NO! WHY **SHOULD** I?
WHEW! WELL, I'M GLAD THAT'S SETTLED! NOW WE CAN—ER, GO AHEAD AND DRAW UP THE PAPERS!
WHY, GABBY, YOU ALMOST SOUND RELIEVED! IT DOESN'T ***MEAN*** ANYTHING TO YOU, DOES IT?
I ALMOST GAVE MYSELF AWAY THAT TIME!
WHY, I--ER—OF COURSE IT DOES! YOU MIGHT WANT TO GET MARRIED AND QUIT THE MOVIES AND THEN I'D LOSE MY ***BEST CLIENT***!
FOR A MINUTE I THOUGHT HE MIGHT BE WEAKENING, BUT NOT A CHANCE! HE'LL NEVER THINK OF ME AS ANYTHING ***BUT*** A CLIENT!
WELL, GOOD NIGHT AND THANKS!
GOOD NIGHT, GABBY!
IN A LITTLE WHILE SHE'LL BE WITH RODNEY TOWERS! WITH A GUY LIKE THAT AROUND, WHAT CHANCE COULD ***I*** HAVE?
I MAY AS WELL GIVE HIM UP AS HOPELESS! IF HE DOESN'T KNOW THAT I'D RATHER GO OUT WITH HIM THAN RODNEY, HE'S JUST A-A-A ***DRIP***!

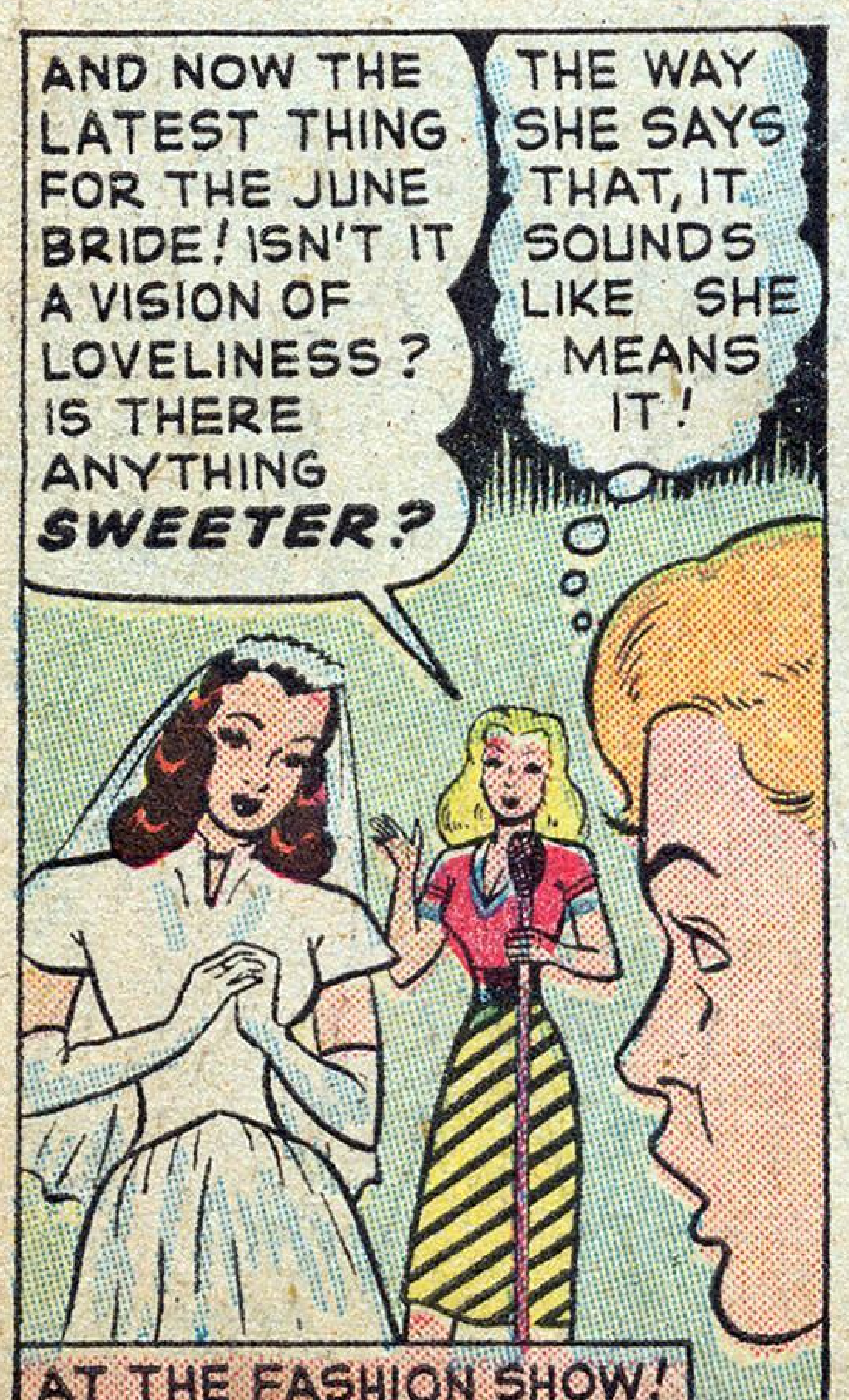
THAT NIGHT...
LOOK! THAT'S *HEDY DE VINE!*
AND THAT'S RODNEY TOWERS WITH HER!
CAMBERO BOCAM
DURING THE NEXT FEW WEEKS...
IT'S A GREAT RACE TODAY, AND EVERYBODY'S HERE! I SEE *HEDY DE VINE*, AND WITH HER IS RODNEY TOWERS—LUCKY BOY!
WE HAVE SOME FAMOUS CELEBRITIES WITH US TONIGHT— MISS *HEDY DE VINE* AND MR. RODNEY TOWERS!
MOVIE MUMBLINGS
BY PRUNELLA CARSON
"HEDY DE VINE AND RODNEY TOWERS ARE, TO ALL PUBLIC APPEARANCES, A STEADY TWO-SOME! THEY'RE BEING SEEN EVERY-WHERE AND ALWAYS TWO-GETHER!
GIVE US THE LOWDOWN, MISS DE VINE! IS THERE ANYTHING SERIOUS BETWEEN YOU AND RODNEY TOWERS?
PLEASE! PLEASE! MR. TOWERS AND I ARE MERELY GOOD FRIENDS!
WHAT ABOUT *MARRIAGE?* PLANNING TO ELOPE?
HEDY, I DON'T MEAN TO PRY INTO ANYTHING PERSONAL, BUT ARE YOU AT ALL *SERIOUS* ABOUT RODNEY TOWERS?
DOES IT MAKE ANY DIFFERENCE TO *YOU?* I MEAN, OUTSIDE OF MY DECIDING ABOUT THAT *"NO MARRIAGE"* CLAUSE?
HAS IT EVER OCCURRED TO YOU THAT HE MIGHT BE USING YOU TO GET A LOT OF *PUBLICITY* FOR HIMSELF?
HOW DARE YOU? WHY, OF ALL THE *NERVE!* FROM NOW ON, I'LL THANK YOU NOT TO BUTT INTO MY PRIVATE AFFAIRS!

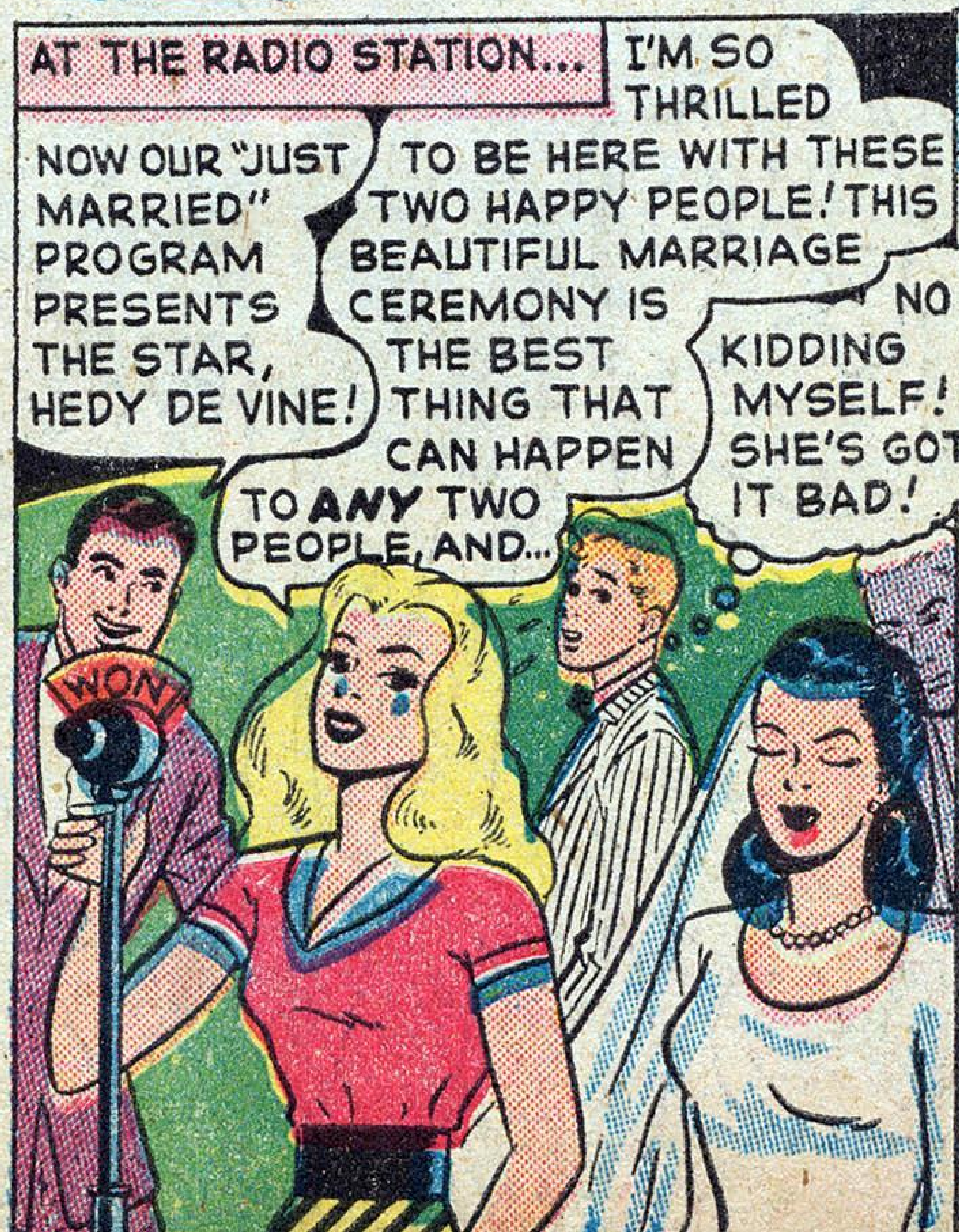

I BEG PARDON, MA'AM! KINDLY ACCEPT MY APOLOGIES, FOR I AM A BOUNDER AND A CAD AND OUGHT TO BE FLAYED AT THE WHIPPING POST!
I DON'T BLAME YOU FOR TRYING TO PROTECT YOUR **CLIENT**, BUT DON'T GO TOO FAR!
OH, MISS DE VINE! YOUR FAN MAIL!


HALF OF THEM ARE ***MARRIAGE PROPOSALS***, AS USUAL! ISN'T THAT ***ROMANTIC?*** IMAGINE GETTING A MARRIAGE PROPOSAL FROM SOMEBODY YOU DON'T EVEN KNOW!
YOU KNOW WHAT WE DO WITH THOSE! WE ***TEAR THEM UP!***


WHAT A ***PITY!*** WHY, I'D LOVE TO GET A MARRIAGE PROPOSAL FROM SOMEONE ***I*** DON'T KNOW! I MIGHT HAVE A BETTER CHANCE THAT WAY! AND AFTER ALL, EVERY GIRL THINKS ABOUT GETTING MARRIED SOME DAY, ***DOESN'T*** SHE? WHAT ELSE IS THERE TO THINK ABOUT?
EVERY GIRL, HEDY! THAT'S WHAT THE LADY SAID!


LATER...
WE'D BETTER STEP ON IT! WE'VE A TIGHT SCHEDULE! YOU'RE TO APPEAR AT THE FASHION SHOW AT ONE, AND A RADIO PROGRAM AT THREE! AND YOU REALLY SHOULD GET THAT CONTRACT SIGNED TODAY!
CONTRACT? OH, YES! I, ER— I WANT TO ***THINK*** ABOUT THAT A LITTLE BEFORE I SIGN IT!


AND NOW THE LATEST THING FOR THE JUNE BRIDE! ISN'T IT A VISION OF LOVELINESS? IS THERE ANYTHING ***SWEETER?***
THE WAY SHE SAYS THAT, IT SOUNDS LIKE SHE MEANS IT!
AT THE FASHION SHOW!


AT THE RADIO STATION...
NOW OUR "JUST MARRIED" PROGRAM PRESENTS THE STAR, HEDY DE VINE!
I'M SO THRILLED TO BE HERE WITH THESE TWO HAPPY PEOPLE! THIS BEAUTIFUL MARRIAGE CEREMONY IS THE BEST THING THAT CAN HAPPEN TO ***ANY*** TWO PEOPLE, AND...
NO USE KIDDING MYSELF! SHE'S GOT IT BAD!
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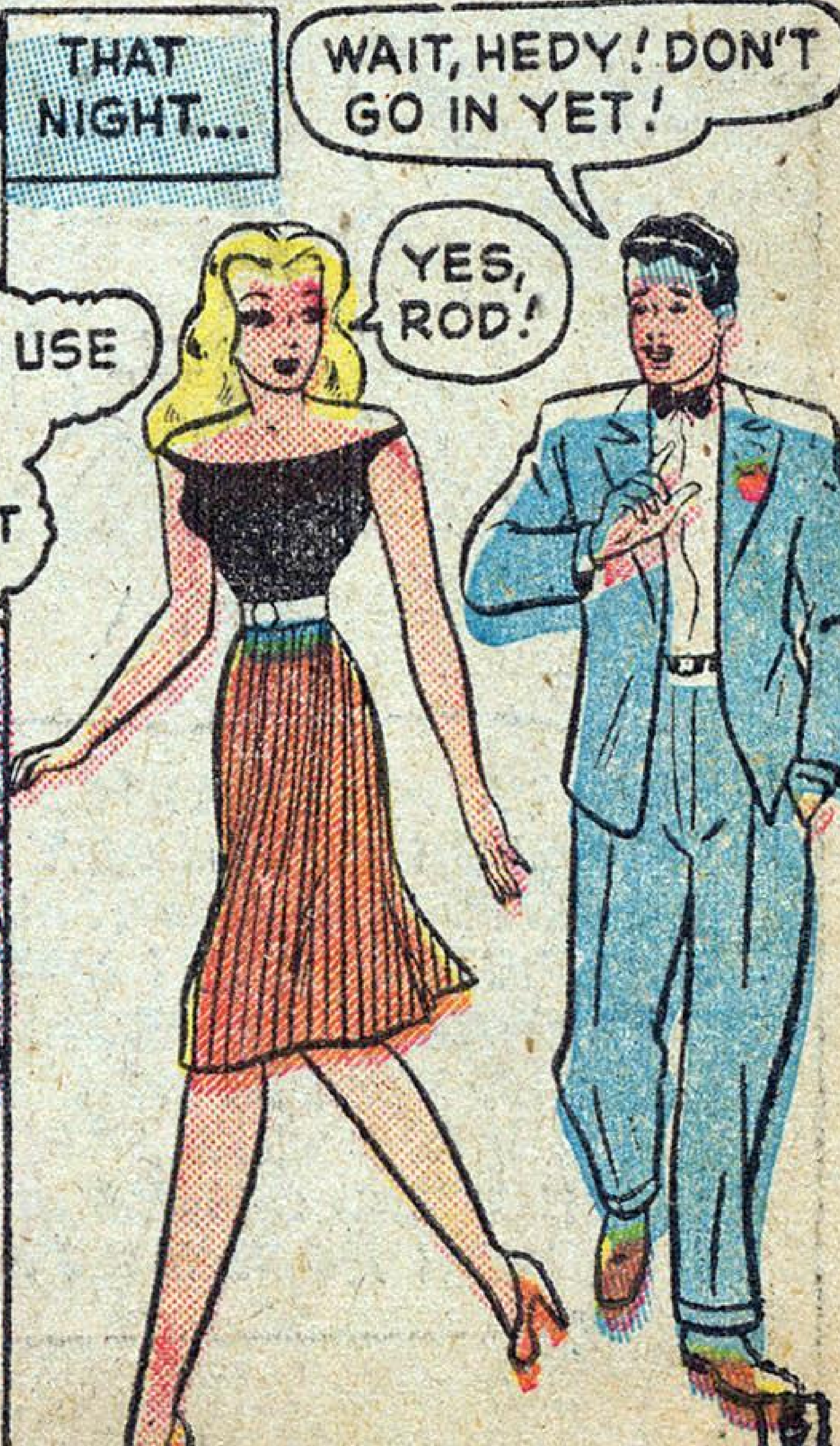
THAT NIGHT...
WAIT, HEDY! DON'T GO IN YET!
YES, ROD!

JUST THOUGHT I'D WARN YOU, HEDY! ANY DAY NOW I'M LIABLE TO **PROPOSE** TO YOU, SO BE PREPARED AND DON'T SWOON ALL OVER! IF YOU PLAY YOUR CARDS RIGHT, YOU MIGHT MAKE A **HUSBAND** OUT OF ME! AND THAT'S MORE THAN I CAN SAY FOR ANY **OTHER** GIRL!
WELL! REALLY!
HERE I AM, THE **HANDSOMEST** MAN IN HOLLYWOOD—WITH THE MOST **BRILLIANT** CAREER! THE MOST **ELIGIBLE** BACHELOR IN THE COUNTRY, AND I'M WILLING TO GET **HOOKED!** CAN YOU BEAT IT?
WELL, GABBY WAS RIGHT! YOU'RE JUST A **BIG HAM!** GOOD NIGHT!
DO YOU, HEDY DE VINE, TAKE THIS **BIG HAM** TO BE YOUR HUSBAND?
CERTAINLY NOT! NOT WITHOUT **MUSTARD!**
!
SEVERAL DAYS LATER...
NO REGRETS ABOUT SIGNING THAT "NO MARRIAGE" CONTRACT, HAVE YOU?
NO, SIR! I ADMIT I **DID** THINK ABOUT MARRIAGE, BUT FOR ONLY ONE REASON...
I ALWAYS WANTED TO SEE HOW I'D **LOOK** IN A WEDDING GOWN! IN THIS PICTURE I GET MARRIED **THREE TIMES!** AND FOR THE TIME BEING, I'LL TAKE THREE ON THE SCREEN INSTEAD OF **ONE** IN CHURCH WITH **RODNEY TOWERS!**
I WONDER IF THIS SORT OF THING IS **HABIT-FORMING?**
THERE ARE TIMES WHEN I **LOVE** HOLLYWOOD!
THE END

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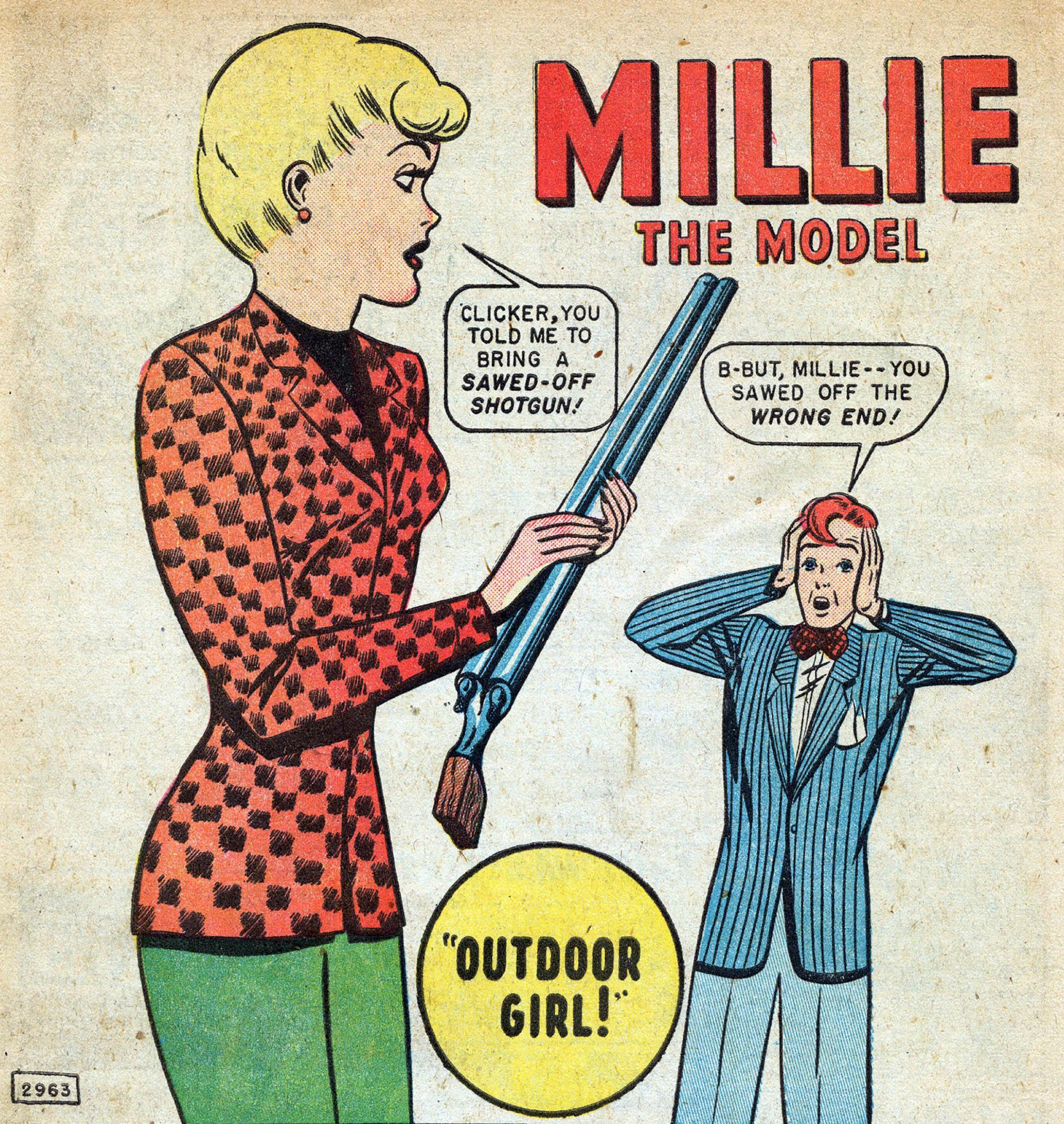
MILLIE
THE MODEL
CLICKER, YOU TOLD ME TO BRING A *SAWED-OFF SHOTGUN!*
B-BUT, MILLIE-- YOU SAWED OFF THE *WRONG END!*
"OUTDOOR GIRL!"
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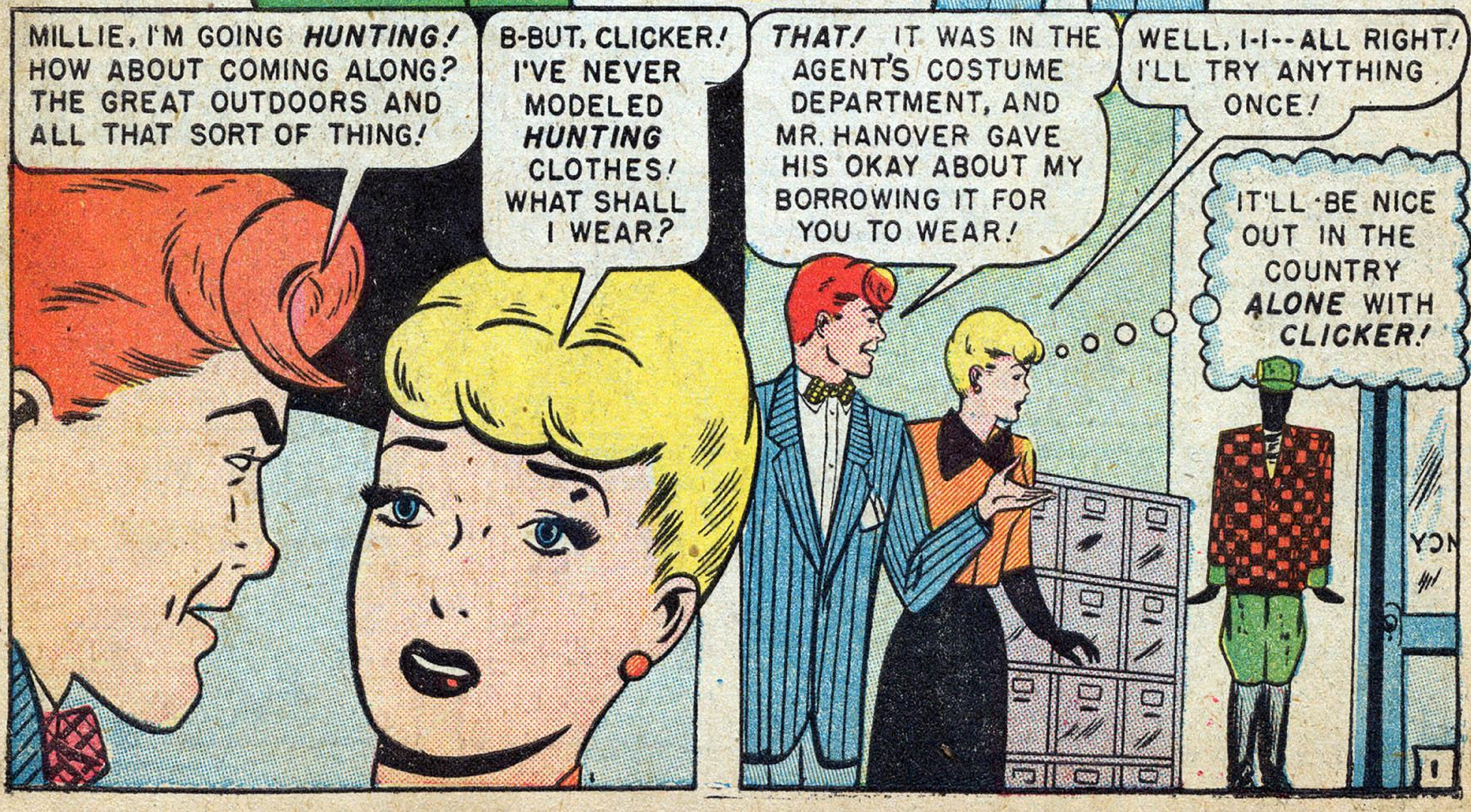
MILLIE, I'M GOING *HUNTING!* HOW ABOUT COMING ALONG? THE GREAT OUTDOORS AND ALL THAT SORT OF THING!
B-BUT, CLICKER! I'VE NEVER MODELED *HUNTING* CLOTHES! WHAT SHALL I WEAR?
THAT! IT WAS IN THE AGENT'S COSTUME DEPARTMENT, AND MR. HANOVER GAVE HIS OKAY ABOUT MY BORROWING IT FOR YOU TO WEAR!
WELL, I-I--ALL RIGHT! I'LL TRY ANYTHING ONCE!
IT'LL BE NICE OUT IN THE COUNTRY *ALONE* WITH *CLICKER!*
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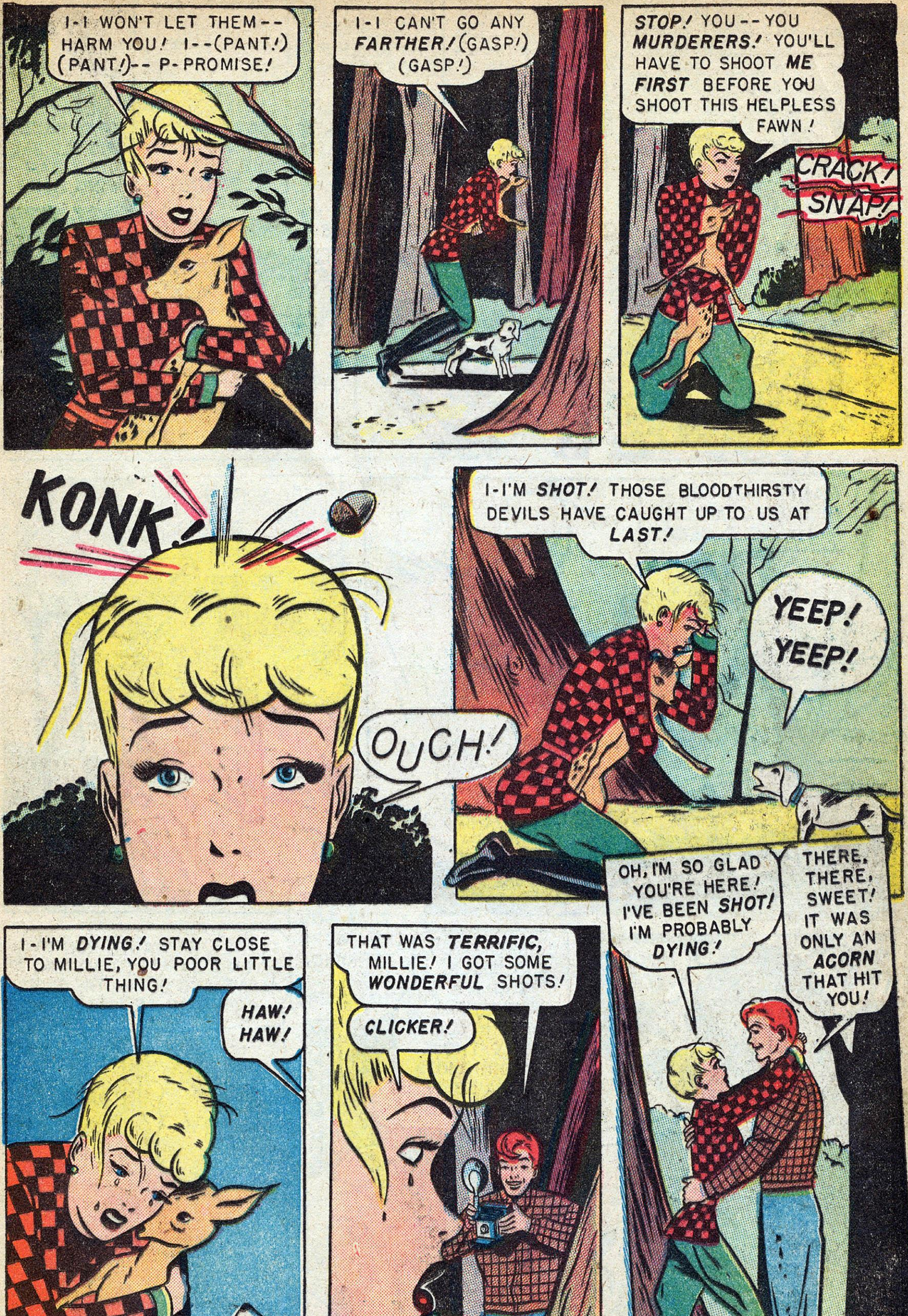
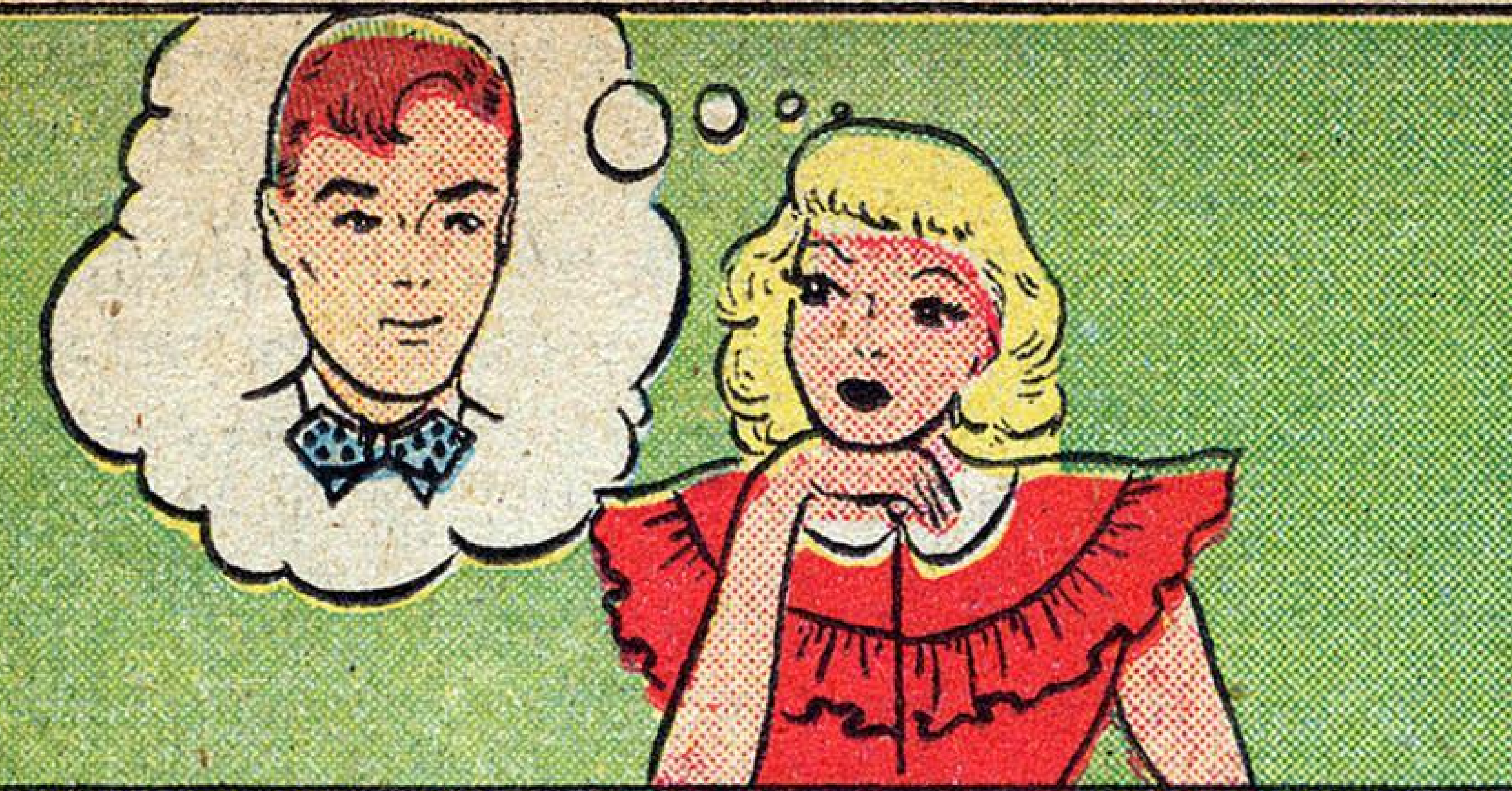
IT'S ALL SET, BOSS! MILLIE IS GOING TO DO IT!
AND IT'LL BE WONDERFUL TO BE **WITH MILLIE, AWAY FROM EVERYTHING!**
GREAT! REMEMBER, CLICKER-- THE CLIENT WANTS CANDID SHOTS OF A MODEL IN THAT HUNTING OUTFIT, SO MILLIE MUSTN'T HAVE ANY IDEA THAT YOU'RE TAKING PICTURES!
IN MR. HANOVER'S OFFICE...
IT'S IN THE BAG, MR. HANOVER! I'LL MANAGE TO GET SEPARATED AND SHOOT HER WITHOUT HER EVEN GUESSING!
GOOD LUCK! IT'S A BIG ACCOUNT AND WE'VE GOT TO MAKE HIM HAPPY!
NEXT DAY...
HERE WE ARE! ISN'T THIS **GREAT,** MILLIE?
Y-YES, I GUESS SO! B-BUT ARE YOU SURE THIS GUN ISN'T LOADED?
SNIFF! SNIFF!
YOWP! YOWP! YOWP!
WHOA! HEY!
NOW'S MY CHANCE TO GET MY CAMERA AND TAKE SOME CANDID SHOTS!
MEANWHILE...
GOLLY! HE-HE'S **CORNERED** SOMETHING! (GULP!)
YEEP! YEEP!
OH!

WHY, YOU *CUTE* LITTLE THING! WHERE'S YOUR MOMMY?
OHHHH! THAT NOISE! IT--IT'S *HUNTERS*!
CRACK!
SNAP!
WE'D BETTER GET OUT OF HERE! THE CRUEL MEN WOULD *SHOOT* YOU IF THEY *SAW* YOU, YOU POOR THING!
CRACK!
SNAP!
THEY--THEY'RE STILL COMING--AND *SHOOTING* AT US! I CAN *HEAR* THEM FOLLOWING US! THEY MUST BE USING A *SILENCER* ON THEIR GUNS!
CRACK!
PUFF! PUFF! I-I--HAVE TO REST! I GUESS I LOST THEM! AND-AND *LOST MYSELF*, TOO!
BOY--WHAT *WONDERFUL SHOTS*! THESE WILL MAKE HANOVER SIT UP AND TAKE NOTICE!
H
HELP! THEY'VE TRACKED US DOWN! OHHH! THOSE *INHUMAN KILLERS*! WHY SHOULD THEY--WANT TO HARM--THIS *HELPLESS THING*?
CRACK!
SNAP!
CRACK!


I-I WON'T LET THEM -- HARM YOU! I--(PANT!) (PANT!)-- P-PROMISE!
I-I CAN'T GO ANY *FARTHER!* (GASP!) (GASP!)
STOP! YOU -- YOU *MURDERERS!* YOU'LL HAVE TO SHOOT *ME FIRST* BEFORE YOU SHOOT THIS HELPLESS FAWN!
CRACK! SNAP!
KONK!
OUCH!
I-I'M *SHOT!* THOSE BLOODTHIRSTY DEVILS HAVE CAUGHT UP TO US AT *LAST!*
YEEP! YEEP!
OH, I'M SO GLAD YOU'RE HERE! I'VE BEEN *SHOT!* I'M PROBABLY *DYING!*
THERE, THERE, SWEET! IT WAS ONLY AN *ACORN* THAT HIT YOU!
I-I'M *DYING!* STAY CLOSE TO MILLIE, YOU POOR LITTLE THING!
HAW! HAW!
THAT WAS *TERRIFIC,* MILLIE! I GOT SOME *WONDERFUL* SHOTS!
CLICKER!

HOW DO YOU KNOW IT WAS ONLY AN ACORN?
I'VE BEEN FOLLOWING YOU RIGHT ALONG, MILLIE! HANOVER WANTED SOME CANDID HUNTING SHOTS, AND WE HAD TO DO IT WITHOUT LETTING YOU KNOW! GEE, I GOT SOME MARVELOUS SHOTS!
THEN IT WAS YOU ALL THE TIME! OHH-- HOW COULD YOU? I-I-- OUGHT TO-- CLICKER-- YOU'RE HATEFUL!
EASY, HONEY! THOSE WERE HANOVER'S ORDERS! AND THOSE PICTURES OF YOU TRYING TO SAVE THE DEER-- GEE, I COULDN'T GET THEM AGAIN IN A MILLION YEARS!
I DON'T CARE SO MUCH ABOUT MYSELF! BUT I MUST'VE TAKEN THIS LITTLE THING AWAY FROM IT'S MOTHER! SHE MUST BE LOOKING FOR IT!
DON'T FRET ABOUT THAT, MILLIE! THE MOTHER MUST BE NEARBY! STAY HERE AND I'LL SEE IF I CAN FIND HER!
HALP! RUN FOR YOUR LIFE, MILLIE! IT'S A WILD DEER!
HERE'S YOUR BABY-- AND SHE'S NOT HURT A TEENY, WEENY BIT! SEE?
HOLD IT!
CLICKER! YOU AND MILLIE DID A WONDERFUL JOB! THE CLIENT LOVED THOSE CANDID SHOTS -- ESPECIALLY THOSE WITH THE DEER!
AHA! DIDN'T I TELL YOU THEY WERE TERRIFIC, MR. HANOVER?
OH, BOY! I'LL BET MILLIE AND I WILL BE TOGETHER ON ALL ASSIGNMENTS FROM NOW ON! BROADWAY! STYLE SHOWS! OH, BOY!
IN FACT, HE WANTS YOU TO GO ON A SAFARI TO AFRICA, ALONE, AND DO ALL THE SHOTS OF WILD ANIMALS!
ALONE! WILD! OH, NO!
THE END



OH, WHAT A DREAM!

THE whole thing started with Joanie's dream; that was the trouble. Before that, she and Al had more fun than any other couple at school—and that was saying something! They never missed a good movie, or a hockey game, or a "name band" playing at the Paladium on Saturday nights. In fact, they clicked—but solid! And Joanie thought that Al, with his lazy laugh and smiling brown eyes, was the nicest steady date a gal could hope for!

And then—that dream! Afterwards, Joanie could remember it as clearly as though it had really happened. She dreamed that she was out with Harry Winters, a suave senior, and that Harry liked her a lot. He said, "Joanie, your hair is like curling sunlight, and your eyes are bluebells on a clear day. Please come to the prom with me—and I'll dance with you all evening, and no one else will dare cut in!"

Of course, if Harry had said all that in real life Joanie probably would have giggled, and thought he was a fairly corny character. But in the dream—ah, in the dream it was so different! The feeling was different, as though Joanie were very grown-up and enchanting, and Harry seemed as charming as a prince in her old fairy-tale books. So when she woke up—well, the date she had made to go rug-cutting with Al the next night didn't seem quite so exciting. And, somehow, she was wondering—just wondering—whether she would see Harry in the hall between classes!

She wriggled her toes, sighed, "Oh, what a dream!"—and wore a sharp new outfit to school that day.

She didn't see Harry, except from a distance, and certainly he was paying no more attention to her than usual—yet Joanie gave Al a slight chill that evening.

Finally, after they had been dancing and drinking cokes for nearly an hour without Joanie giving out with more than "yes" and "no", Al asked, "Hey, what's eating you, anyway?"

Joanie flared up, "Must I chatter all the time?"

And later in the evening, when he invited her to go to the spring prom, she answered coolly, "Well, we'll see . . . maybe."

So, it was no wonder that Al said goodnight to her stiffly, and did not ask for a movie date. The surprising thing was that Joanie really didn't care!

After that, she found herself thinking about Harry more and more, sort of concentrating on him—willing him to notice her. The dream had changed everything, and Harry seemed glamorous and strange—and after a while, Joanie even began to believe that the dream might come true!

Then, suddenly, she was sure of it! Harry *had* noticed her! Maybe it was the way she stared when he was around, or the pains she took fixing up even for school—but one day, when she smiled radiantly at him in the hall, Harry sauntered over.

"Hi, Joanie," he said casually. "How's with you?"

"Everything's sunnyside," she said breathlessly, looking up at him.

"Think you could use a soda after school?"

"Why—why—" Joanie stumbled all over herself with delight. "I certainly could!"

They met after classes, and left the school building together. Joanie was in a rosy fog—but she pulled out of it enough to see Elsie Lucas standing on the school steps, looking queer and surprised as she saw Joanie and Harry. Harry called, "See you later, Elsie." The girl didn't even answer!

Joanie felt confused. She asked Harry, "She wasn't waiting for you, was she?"

He shrugged and grinned. "Well, she isn't now!" And began talking about school events so that Joanie forgot the incident.

Almost every day after that, Joanie and Harry were a twosome—and in between, she floated on a private pink cloud! She never had believed in dreams before, but that one must have been a prophecy! She was sure that Harry would turn out to be glamorous and wonderful—and he simply *had* to ask her to the spring prom!

Al had mentioned it a few more times, but she always put him off with, "I'm not sure, yet—I don't know." She hardly saw Al anymore, and she never thought of all the fun they had had together. Harry was more important now!

The only thing that upset Joanie was that her girl friends were acting so funny and jealous. For instance, Bunny kept saying to her, "Listen, I'll buy you sodas if you're hard up! Why team with that joe?"

Then Joanie would sputter, "Why, Harry's swell! And you'll have to admit he's awfully handsome!"

"Sure," Bunny grunted. "A beautiful hunk of junk!"

It puzzled Joanie, because the girls never had gone catty before—and there were plenty of them who would have liked to go around with Al! Well, she told herself, it just went to prove how much more glamorous Harry was. He made girls turn sour-grapes, when no other boy could! And, how envious they would all be when she and Harry appeared at the spring prom!

By now, Joanie was perfectly sure Harry would ask her. After all, the dream had to happen!

And finally, it did, only in very different words. Quite casually, as though the whole thing were taken for granted, Harry stopped Joanie in the hall one day and said, "You'll go to the spring prom with me, won't you?"

Joanie gulped and smiled brightly. "Why—of course I will!"

Harry nodded. "That's good. Then, I'll break my date with Elsie."

For an instant, Joanie didn't catch on. Then it sank in, and her blue eyes opened wide with amazement. "Then you'll—*what?*"

"Break my date with Elsie," he explained patiently. "I asked her to the prom a long time ago—but I'd much rather go with you!"

Joanie felt fury and disgust rising in her. Suddenly, she blazed, "You'll go with Elsie—or you'll go alone!"

Then, her eyes filling up with tears, she turned and ran down the hall away from him, as fast as she could go. Everything seemed to have crashed around her! Why, Harry was selfish and conceited and—and horrible! And she should have realized it long ago, on that day when he had taken her for a soda and left Elsie standing on the steps!

Joanie was miserable! She had been such a fool—and she had been so mean to Al! Nice, kind, Al, who had always been so nice to her, and had always made sure she had fun!

Then, as though thinking about him had conjured him up, Joanie saw Al reading in an empty classroom. Just looking at him suddenly made her remember all the good times they had had—the movies, and hockey games, and dancing! Not dream-stuff, but solid and everyday—and wonderful!

Without even stopping to think, Joanie rushed into the room and stood in front of Al, her blue eyes all teary and her cheeks flushed. In a quick, gasping voice, she burst out, "I know you'll probably never forgive me for the way I've been acting, but I just wanted you to know that *I* know what a lemon I am—and I wouldn't blame you if you told me to go jump in the lake!"

Al had risen to his feet, obviously startled, and was looking down at her with an odd expression. Then, slowly, his brown eyes began to crinkle in the way she remembered. He said, "I don't want you to do any lake-jumping, Joanie."

She sniffed, and brushed at the tears on her cheeks. "Then, will you still take me to the prom, Al?" she asked humbly. "I don't want to go—really I don't—with anybody, but you."

He smiled at her, a good big smile, the way he always had. "I'm glad you don't," he said gaily. "Because that means you're my girl, after all—even if it took you long enough to wake up to the fact!"

Joanie grinned a small secret grin, and tucked her hand through Al's arm. "That's it," she said softly. "It just took me too long to wake up!"

THE END

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STAMP NEWS

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Notwithstanding the deluge of special stamps earlier announced at Washington for release during 1948 the Post Office Department has added five. The revised schedule commits the Department to at least fifteen such adhesives from January through December—and if you are looking for a reason for this generous output you can reflect that this is an election year! The more persons who are pleased before November arrives, the more votes the Democratic candidates should, theoretically, receive. Or so some politicians seem to think!

Congress enacted a bill calling for a stamp to commemorate the Swedish Pioneer Centennial being observed in the American Mid-West this Summer. President Truman promptly vetoed it. Shortly thereafter he changed his mind and directed the stamp be printed—and it appeared, a 5c in dark blue and light blue, on June 4. The design shows a Swedish pioneer moving Westward with a covered wagon a century ago. Six stars at left and six stars at right represent twelve States in which the Swedish immigrants settled.

The second additional stamp announced is one to honor Clara Barton (1821-1912), who was the first president of the American Red Cross.

The third promised item will mark the centennial of the creating of Oregon Territory, from which were carved the States of Oregon, Washington, Idaho and parts of Montana and Wyoming.

Recalling a century of "peace and cooperation" between the United States and Canada will be a "special" to appear probably in August. The two countries have been at peace longer than a century, so what the stamp will specifically recall is the building of the first suspension bridge across the Niagara gorge between Niagara Falls, N. Y., and Niagara Falls, Ontario, in 1848.

The fifth "special" announced is one in connection with the "100 Year March of Progress" celebration to be held in Oklahoma in memory of the arrival of the Five Civilized Tribes—Cherokee, Creek, Seminole, Choctaw, Chickasaw—a century ago to settle land of which today's Oklahoma was then a part. This stamp will appear in August.

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YEAH... ENVY! (SOB!)
To Skidsy from Tessie
"FIT TO BE TIED!"
3113
SKIDSY'S BEEN SO SWEET TO ME! HE'S SENT ME FLOWERS, CANDY AND PERFUME! I THINK I'LL BUY *HIM* A GIFT!
I'LL GET HIM SOMETHING *ORIGINAL*... A NECKTIE!
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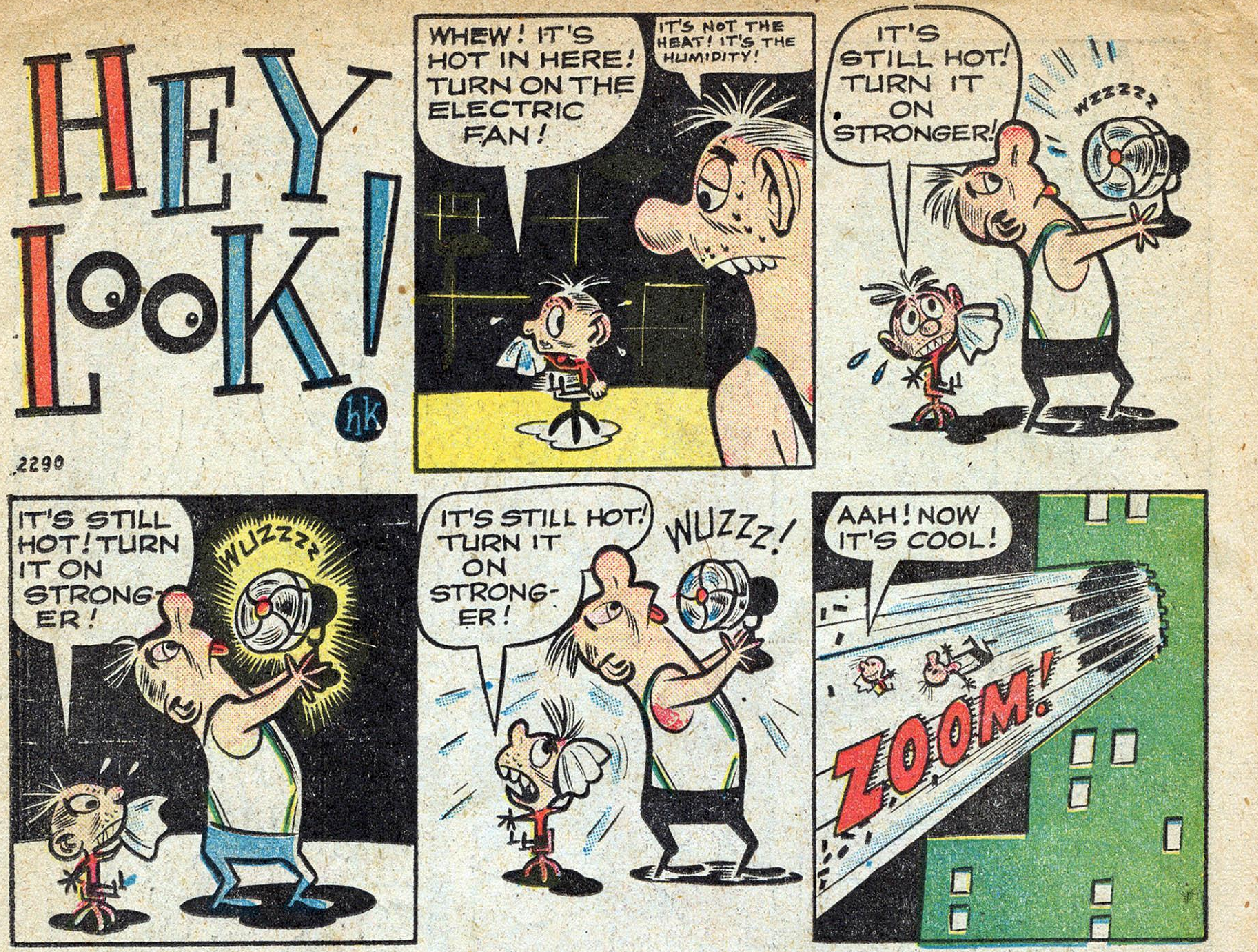
I WANT TO BUY A VERY SMART NECKTIE!
I HAVE JUST THE THING!
THERE! HOW'S THAT?
OOH, IT'S NICE... AND HOW MUCH IS IT?
ONLY FIVE DOLLARS!
FIVE DOLLARS?
HOW DARE YOU CHARGE SO MUCH MONEY FOR A NECKTIE?
LOOK, LADY! THAT'S OUR PRICE...TAKE IT OR LEAVE IT!
PROFITEERING, THAT'S WHAT IT IS!
THEN DON'T BUY IT!
HOP
ELITE Haberdasher
MENS SHOP
BUT I WANT TO BUY IT!
THEN PAY FIVE DOLLARS!
BUT I DON'T WANT TO PAY FIVE DOLLARS FOR A TIE!
THEN WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO?
THIS!
BAM!

OOH, THERE'S A NECKTIE *SALE!*
GET IN LINE, LADY!
MY, IT'S SUCH A LONG LINE!
A SHORT TIME LATER...
NECKWEAR SALE
MY FEET ARE *KILLING* ME!
GOLLY! THIS LINE IS MOVING *AWFULLY* SLOWLY!
YOU'RE NEXT, LADY!
AT LAST!
I WANT TO BUY A *NECKTIE!*
I'M SORRY, LADY!
WE JUST SOLD OUR *LAST* NECKTIE!

MAYBE I'LL BE ABLE TO GET ONE IN THIS MEN'S SHOP!
I WANT A NECKTIE!
OKAY, LADY! BUT FIRST, CAN I SHOW YOU OUR NEW LINE OF MEN'S SOCKS?
NO! I JUST WANT A NECKTIE!
ALL RIGHT! AND WOULD YOU BE INTERESTED IN OUR LATEST LINE OF SHIRTS?
NO! JUST A NECKTIE!
BUT I INSIST ON SHOWING YOU THESE BEAUTIFUL SHIRTS!
SHIRTS
NEVER MIND!
SHIRTS
I'VE GOT FALLEN ARCHES AND IT'S ALL SKIDSY'S FAULT!
IT'S ALL BECAUSE SKIDSY DECIDED TO HAVE A BIRTHDAY!
NOW WHO'S THAT?
RRING!
HI, TESSIE!
SKIDSY!
WHAT DID I DO?
THE END


HEY LOOK!
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WHEW! IT'S HOT IN HERE! TURN ON THE ELECTRIC FAN!
IT'S NOT THE HEAT! IT'S THE HUMIDITY!
IT'S STILL HOT! TURN IT ON STRONGER!
WZZZZZ
IT'S STILL HOT! TURN IT ON STRONGER!
WUZZZZ
IT'S STILL HOT! TURN IT ON STRONGER!
WUZZZ!
AAH! NOW IT'S COOL!
ZOOM!

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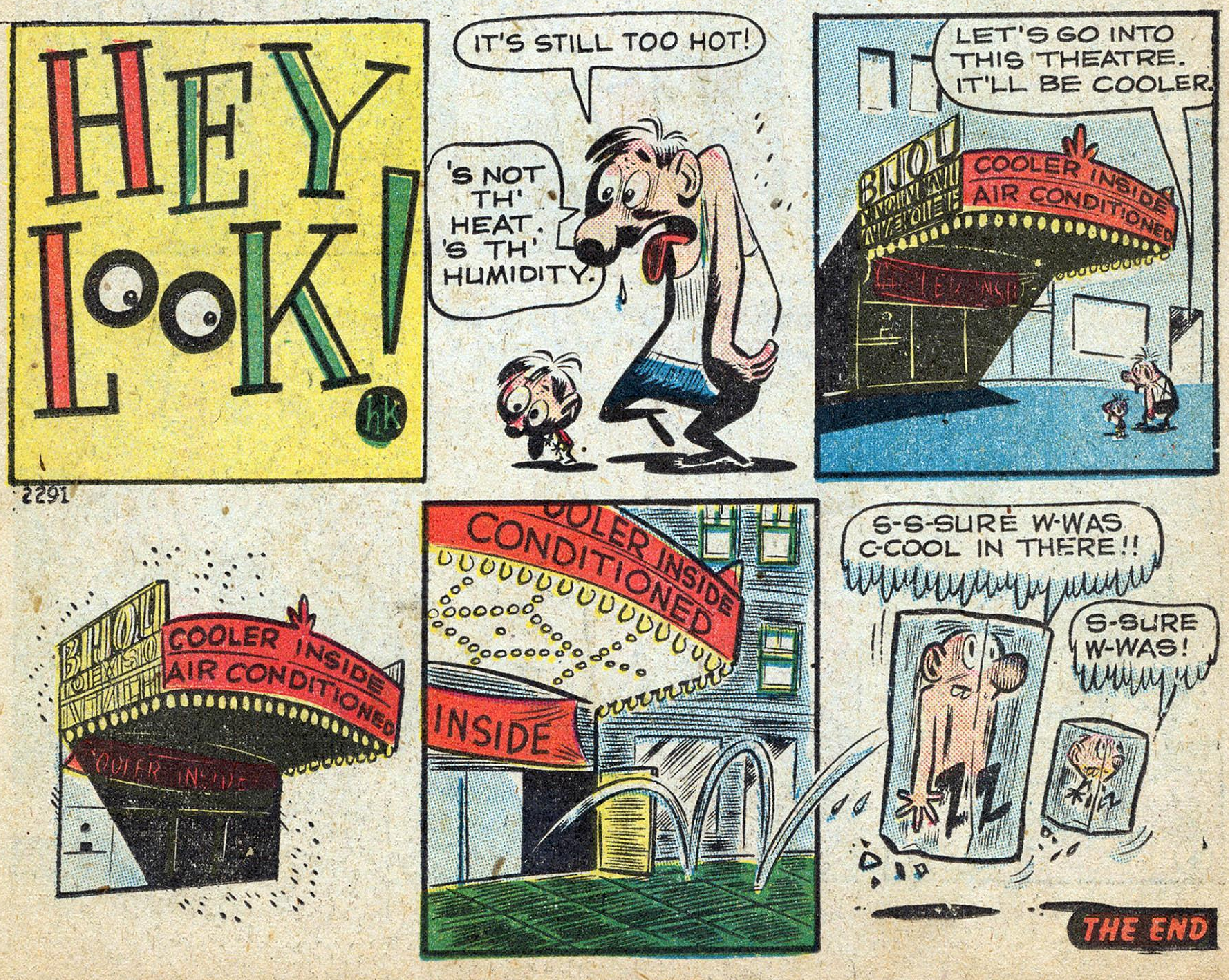
HEY LOOK!
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IT'S STILL TOO HOT!
'S NOT TH' HEAT. 'S TH' HUMIDITY.
LET'S GO INTO THIS THEATRE. IT'LL BE COOLER.
BIJOU
COOLER INSIDE AIR CONDITIONED
BIJOU
COOLER INSIDE AIR CONDITIONED
COOLER INSIDE
COOLER INSIDE CONDITIONED
INSIDE
S-S-SURE W-WAS C-COOL IN THERE!!
S-SURE W-WAS!
THE END

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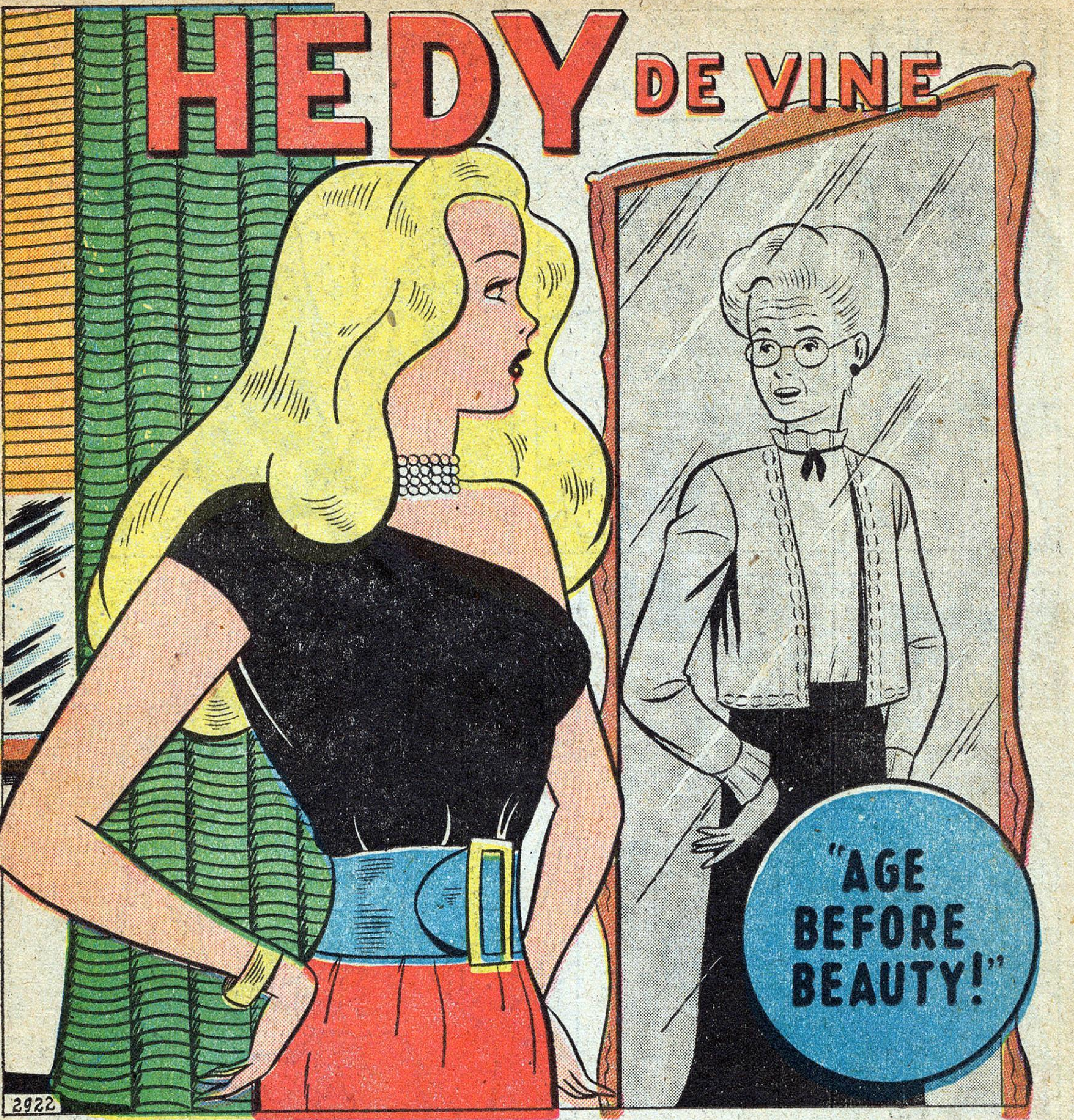
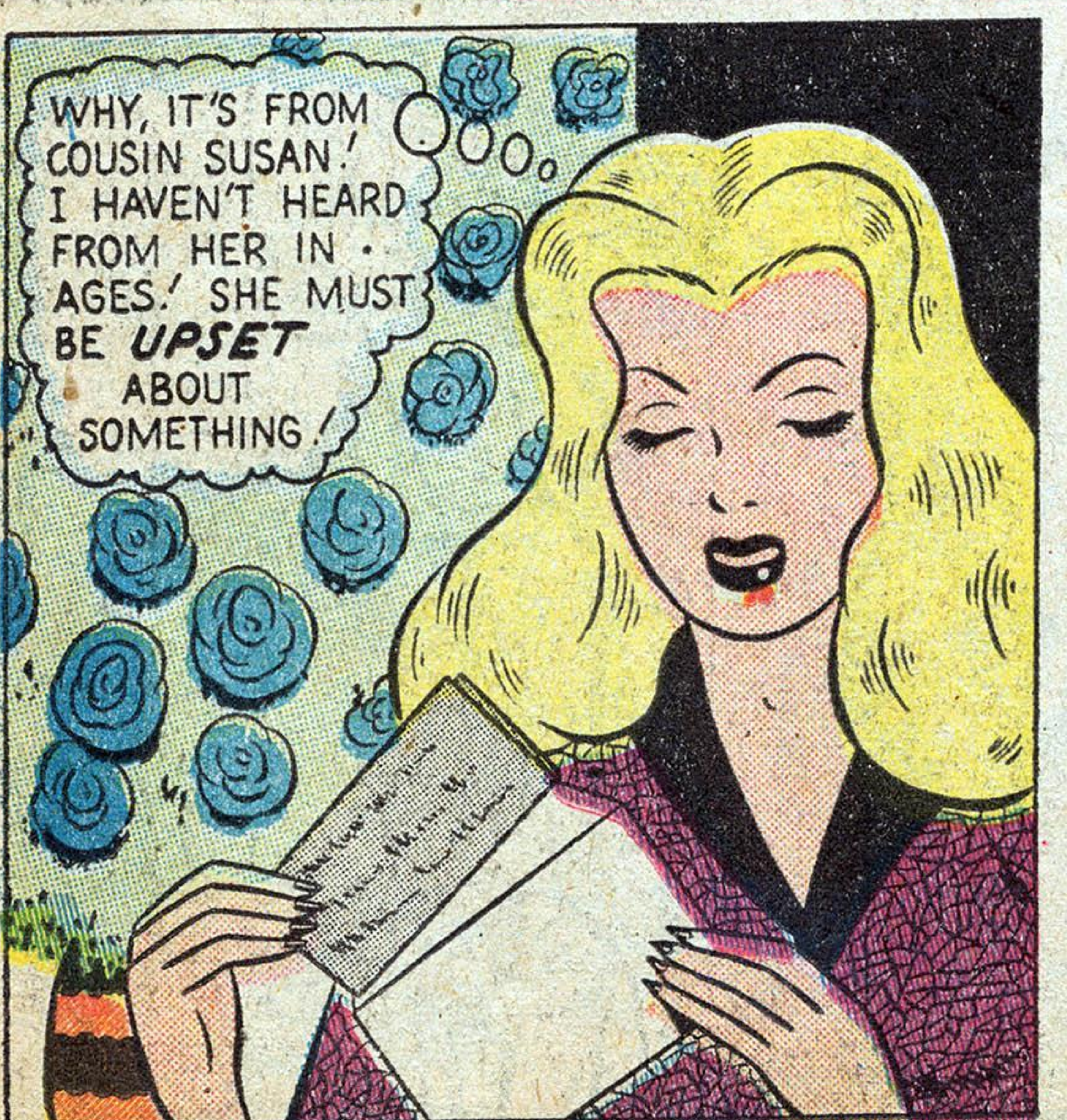
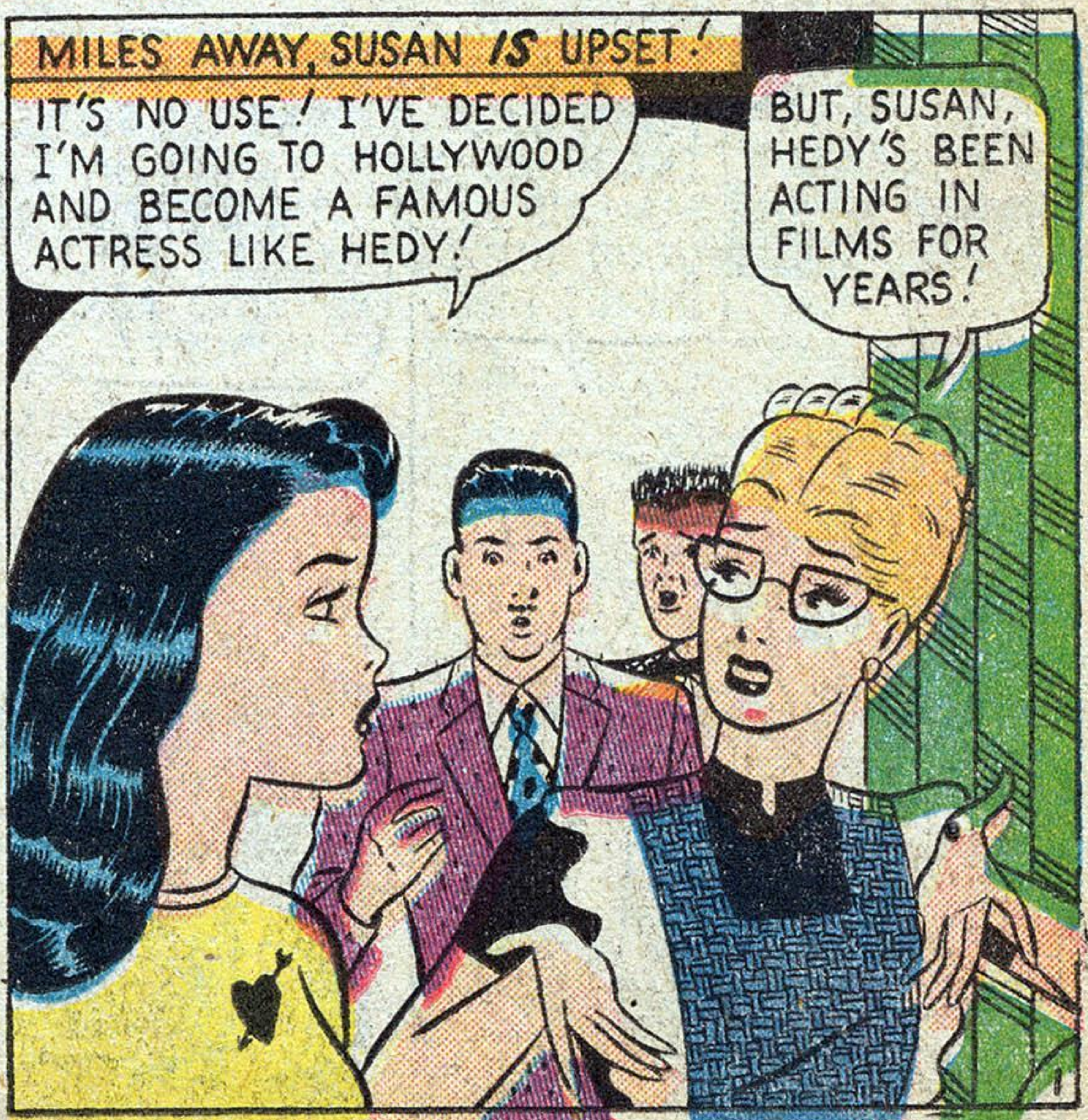
HEDY DE VINE

"AGE BEFORE BEAUTY!"




WHY, IT'S FROM COUSIN SUSAN! I HAVEN'T HEARD FROM HER IN AGES! SHE MUST BE *UPSET* ABOUT SOMETHING!


MILES AWAY, SUSAN *IS* UPSET!
IT'S NO USE! I'VE DECIDED I'M GOING TO HOLLYWOOD AND BECOME A FAMOUS ACTRESS LIKE HEDY!
BUT, SUSAN, HEDY'S BEEN ACTING IN FILMS FOR YEARS!
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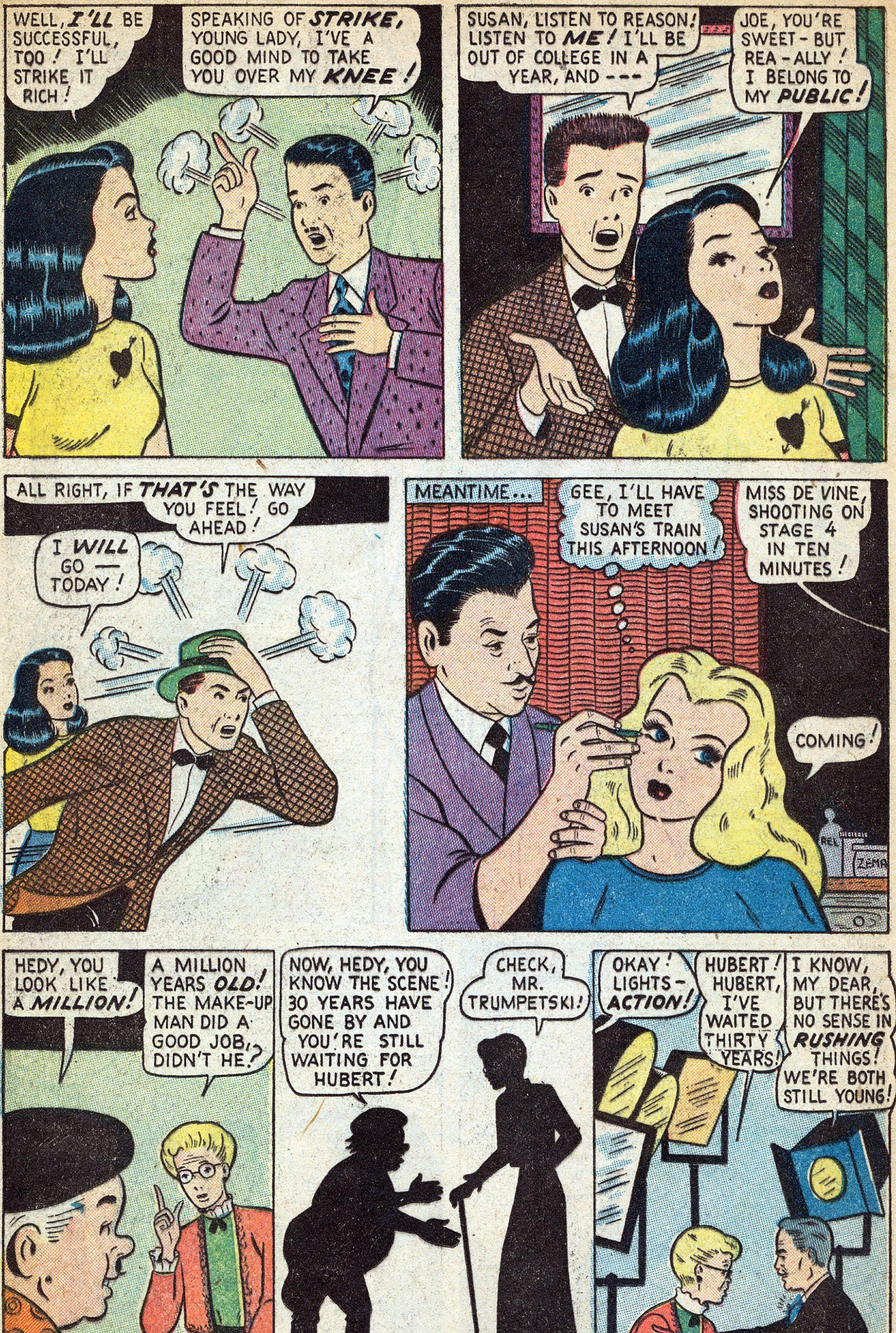
WELL, I'LL BE SUCCESSFUL, TOO! I'LL STRIKE IT RICH!
SPEAKING OF STRIKE, YOUNG LADY, I'VE A GOOD MIND TO TAKE YOU OVER MY KNEE!
SUSAN, LISTEN TO REASON! LISTEN TO ME! I'LL BE OUT OF COLLEGE IN A YEAR, AND ---
JOE, YOU'RE SWEET - BUT REA-ALLY! I BELONG TO MY PUBLIC!
ALL RIGHT, IF THAT'S THE WAY YOU FEEL! GO AHEAD!
I WILL GO — TODAY!
MEANTIME...
GEE, I'LL HAVE TO MEET SUSAN'S TRAIN THIS AFTERNOON!
MISS DE VINE, SHOOTING ON STAGE 4 IN TEN MINUTES!
COMING!
HEDY, YOU LOOK LIKE A MILLION!
A MILLION YEARS OLD! THE MAKE-UP MAN DID A GOOD JOB, DIDN'T HE?
NOW, HEDY, YOU KNOW THE SCENE! 30 YEARS HAVE GONE BY AND YOU'RE STILL WAITING FOR HUBERT!
CHECK, MR. TRUMPETSKI!
OKAY! LIGHTS— ACTION!
HUBERT! HUBERT, I'VE WAITED THIRTY YEARS!
I KNOW, MY DEAR, BUT THERE'S NO SENSE IN RUSHING THINGS! WE'RE BOTH STILL YOUNG!

AFTER SEVERAL HOURS OF HARD WORK...
CUT!
WHEW! I'M ALMOST BEGINNING TO FEEL AS OLD AS I LOOK!
HEAVENS! I ALMOST FORGOT ABOUT SUSAN'S TRAIN! JUST HAVE TIME TO DASH TO THE STATION!
HERE, HERE, LADY! SLOW DOWN! GALLIVANTIN' AROUND LIKE THAT AT YOUR AGE!
NONSENSE, JOHN! IT'S ME - HEDY DE VINE!
HEDY DE VINE? SURE, AND SHE WAS SO YOUNG IN HER LATEST PICTURE! AH, WELL! WORRYING WILL DO IT!
EXCUSE ME! MAY I HELP YOU ACROSS THE STREET, MADAM?
HELP ME? THANKS, SONNY, BUT I CAN MANAGE VERY WELL!
OH, THERE'S THE BUS! I'LL HAVE TO RUN FOR IT!
WHEW! JUST MADE IT!
60 McLEAN AVE TO ZEMA ST
HERE, LADY! LET ME HELP YOU! YOU SHOULDN'T RUN LIKE THAT AT YOUR AGE!
3
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MY AGE? BUT I'M **YOUNG** – I JUST **LOOK** OLD!
A FINE **ATTITUDE,** LADY! I WISH **ALL** OLD PEOPLE FELT LIKE THAT! NOW TAKE MY MOTHER-IN-LAW...
112
WON'T YOU SIT DOWN, MADAM? YOU MUST BE TIRED!
NO, NO; I ASSURE YOU!
GO AHEAD, YOU NEED IT MORE THAN I DO! I'M ONLY 75!
TAKE **MY** SEAT!
WELL, THANK **YOU,** SIR!
AND THE DOCTOR SAID TWO OF THESE EACH DAY FOR MY LIVER! NOW THESE ARE FOR MY HEART, AND THESE---
ER-AH, **EXCUSE** ME, I GET OFF HERE!
HERE, LET ME HELP YOU, LADY!
THANK YOU!
I'LL HAVE TO RUN TO MAKE THAT TRAIN!
WOW! LOOKIT THAT OLD GIRL GO! SPRY AS A **COLT!**
SOME MINUTES LATER...
OH, THERE'S **SUSAN! YOO-HOO, SUSAN!**

W-WHO ARE YOU, MADAM? I'M WAITING FOR MY COUSIN - HEDY DE VINE!
BUT-BUT- *I'M* HEDY DE VINE!
Y-*YOU!* BUT, HEDY, YOU'VE CHANGED! YOU'RE AN OLD WOMAN!
SUSAN, YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND! YOU SEE...
DON'T EXPLAIN, HEDY! I SEE IT ALL NOW! THAT HARD LIFE AN ACTRESS LEADS-- HARD WORK *DAY* AFTER *DAY*- IT'S *AGED* YOU!
B-BUT...
I DIDN'T REALIZE IT BEFORE, HEDY, BUT NOW I KNOW! THE MOVIE LIFE IS NOT FOR *ME!* I'M GOING HOME AND STAY YOUNG!
?
SOME DAYS LATER...
AND, HEDY, I DON'T KNOW HOW YOU *DID* IT, BUT...
"SUSAN IS BACK WITH JOE! THEY WILL BE MARRIED WHEN JOE GRADUATES - THANKS TO YOU, HEDY DARLING..."
WELL, IN THE ROLE OF AN 80 YEAR OLD CUPID, I DIDN'T DO SO BADLY! NOT BAD *AT ALL!*
CLICK!
THE END

HEY LOOK!
I'M GOING TO READ BOOKS!
3804
OH, MY! LOOK AT THAT ADVERTISMENT!
ARE THEY WHISPERING BEHIND YOUR BACK ABOUT YOU?
THEY'RE WHISPERING ABOUT ME!
PFUI!
PU!
DON'T BE A SHMOE · IF YOUR BREATH SMELLS, CHEW 'VIOLETSMELL', THE SOAP FOR NO DOPE.
UH-OH.. THEY'RE WHISPERING!!!
SST! JIM SHOULD SEE HIS DENTIST!
DENTIST! WHY DO THEY WHISPER?
PFUI!
NINE OUT OF TEN HAVE PROVEN THAT KILLSHTOONK TOOTHPASTE CONTAINS BANOLIN! DON'T BE A GOONK. BUY
KILLSHTOONK
ANOTHER ADVERTISMENT!
I'D SURE HATE FOR PEOPLE TO WHISPER BEHIND MY BACK!
OH, WELL.. NOW TO READ!
PSSSST..
TSST SSSMP..
SST
PEOPLE! WHISPERING BEHIND MY BACK!!
PSSKSS
SSK MSSK DNSSK SS..
I KNOW! I'LL WASH WITH VIOLETSMELL SOAP!
AND I'LL USE KILLSHTOONK TOOTHPASTE!
THEN THEY WON'T WHISPER!
I'M A NEW MAN! NOW THERE WON'T BE ANY WHISPERING!
H. Kurtzman
WHISPERING!
SSP..
SSSK SSSKMSS MSSKSSM KSSS..
TSSS..
BLAWW!
WSSA MSSSA WSS YOU?
EVERY TIME I SIT DOWN HERE TO READ, PEOPLE WHISPER BEHIND MY BACK!!
WSSA SSSPD BSSSD YR!!
PEOPLE ARE WHISPERING BEHIND YOUR BACK.. IN FRONT OF YOUR BACK AND ON TOP OF YOUR BACK.. ..HERE!
SSP!
SNF!
WSSP..
SS..
EVERYONE MUST WHISPER!
YOU SEE, THIS IS A LIBRARY!
THEY CAN'T WHISPER BEHIND MY BACK NOW!
THE END

MILLIE THE MODEL

"MILLIE USES HER HEAD!"

CLICKER HOLBROOK! THAT'S MY HAT!
3410
AND, GIRLS, I THINK *ONE* OF YOU CAN WIN THE HAT MANUFACTURER'S *HAT DESIGNING CONTEST* FOR THE PRESTIGE OF THE AGENCY!
I'LL *TRY*, MR. HANOVER!
LATER...
YOU MIGHT AS WELL GIVE UP, MILLIE! *I'LL* WIN THAT $500 PRIZE *BLINDFOLDED*!
OH, *REALLY*? YOU MUST'VE BEEN *BLINDFOLDED* WHEN YOU BOUGHT *THAT* HAT!
OH, GIRLS!
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WHY, YOU REFUGEE FROM A FIVE CENT MAKE-UP KIT, I'LL...
LEAVE ME *ALONE*, CLICKER!
SAVE THE EXCESS ENERGY FOR THE *CONTEST!*
ONE OF THESE DAYS, I WON'T BE AROUND TO *STOP* YOU TWO! *THEN* WHAT?
MR. HANOVER WILL HAVE TO GET A REPLACEMENT FOR *CHILI BEAN SEVEN!*
I'LL SHOW *HER!* AND I WON'T HAVE TO BEAT MY *BRAINS* OUT TO WIN THIS CONTEST!
HELLO, FRAPELLI DAH-LING! YOU'LL DESIGN YOUR CHILI-GIRL THE *BEST* HAT EVER, *WON'T* YOU?
(SIGH!) SUCH A FOOLISH QUESTION! THE GREAT FRAPELLI—HE DESIGN YOU A HAT TO MAKE *ALL* HATS LOOK EEN-SIG-NEE-FICANT! *(SIGH!)*
SMACK!
AT THE FRAPELLI HAT SHOPPE!
MEANWHILE...
AHOY, BEAUTIFUL! HOW'S THE HAT-MAKING COMING?
HELLO, CLICKER! I'M AFRAID I NEED *INSPIRATION!*
HOW TO MAKE A HAT
YOUR TROUBLES HAVE *CEASED!* I HAVE IN HERE THE HAT TO END *ALL* HATS! CLOSE YOUR EYES, BEAUTIFUL!
BUT, CLICKER, *I'M* SUPPOSED TO DESIGN THE HAT!
THERE IT IS! CLICKER'S *HAMBURGER HAT!*
OH, CLICKER!

YOU'RE CRAZY!
WHAT'S THE *MATTER* WITH THIS HAT?
WHEN YOU'RE THROUGH *WEARING* THE HAT, YOU *EAT* IT! SHEER *GENIUS!* MMMM— TOO RARE!
I'M AFRAID I'LL HAVE TO GIVE UP, AND THE SHOWING IS *TONIGHT!* WHAT LACKS IS A *GOOD IDEA!*
HOW ABOUT A HAMBURGER?
THE TROUBLE IS— OH, CLICKER, *LOOK!* A JET PLANE! *JET PLANE!* THAT'S *IT*—MY *INSPIRATION!*
ZOOM!
A *JET JOB!* CLICKER, HAND ME THE RED FELT, THE TRACING PAPER, THE NEEDLE, THE BLUE FELT!
HUH? WHAT? WHERE? HEY, SPEED DEMON, TAKE IT *EASY!*
SNIP! SNIP!
THAT EVENING...
YI! MILLIE, *LOOK!*
WELL, IF IT ISN'T CHILI SEVEN! AND SHE LOOKS LIKE SHE'S READY TO LAY AN *EGG!*
HAT MANUFACTURER'S HAT DESIGNING CONTEST
?
FRAPELLI, DEAH! *NO ONE* MUST KNOW YOU'VE DESIGNED THIS GORGEOUS CREATION!
MY LEEPS ARE SEELED FOR EE-TERN-EE-TY! YOU LOOK RAV-EE-SHING! SEEMPLY *RAVISHING!*
CLUCK CLUCK

HA! HA! WHICH IS THE HEN?
WHAT WAS THAT CRACK?
CLUCK!
UH-UH! STOP IT, GIRLS, OR YOU'LL BOTH BE DISQUALIFIED FROM THE CONTEST!
OH, ALL RIGHT! I'LL PUT MY HAT IN THE DRESSING ROOM; THEN I'LL REGISTER!
HMM... SHE LEFT THE HAT BOX BEHIND!
CLUCK! CLUCK!
MODELS' DRESSING ROOM
HUH! THIS DOESN'T LOOK LIKE A WINNER, BUT I'LL MAKE SURE!
WHEN I'M THRU WITH THIS, IT SHOULD LOOK LIKE SOMETHING THAT'S BEEN DRAGGED THROUGH THE GUTTER!
CAWK! CAWK! CAWK!
KRUNCH!
KRUNCH!
MILLIE'S HAT
THERE! AND NO ONE SAW ME ENTER OR LEAVE! NOW TO GET BACK TO THAT LOVESICK GOON, FRAPELLI!
LATER...
GOSH! HOW TIME FLIES! CHILI WENT ON ALREADY AND GOT A GOOD HAND FOR THAT NONSENSE ON HER HEAD! AND I'M NEXT!

OH-H-H! MY POOR HAT!
(SNIFF! SNIFF!) NOW *WHO* (SNIFF!) COULD'VE DONE THAT? THEY'LL *LAUGH* AT ME ON THE *STAGE*! (SNIFF!)
(SNIFF!) HUH?
SUPERB!
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M-ME?
CLAP! CLAP!
RAY!
CLAP! CLAP!
LATER...
SOMETHING TELLS ME I'VE GOT *YOU* TO THANK FOR HELPING ME WIN THE PRIZE!
ME? MY DEAH GIRL, DON'T BE *SILLY*!
CLUCK! CLUCK! CLUCK!
LOOKS LIKE YOUR HAT JUST LAID AN *EGG*!
CLUCK! CLUCK!
COME, CHEELI, LET US GO! THEES WAS ONLEE *FUN* FOR ME, ANYHOW!
ZIP!
FUN? WELL, THE YOKE'S ON *YOU*!
CAWK! CLUCK!
THE END

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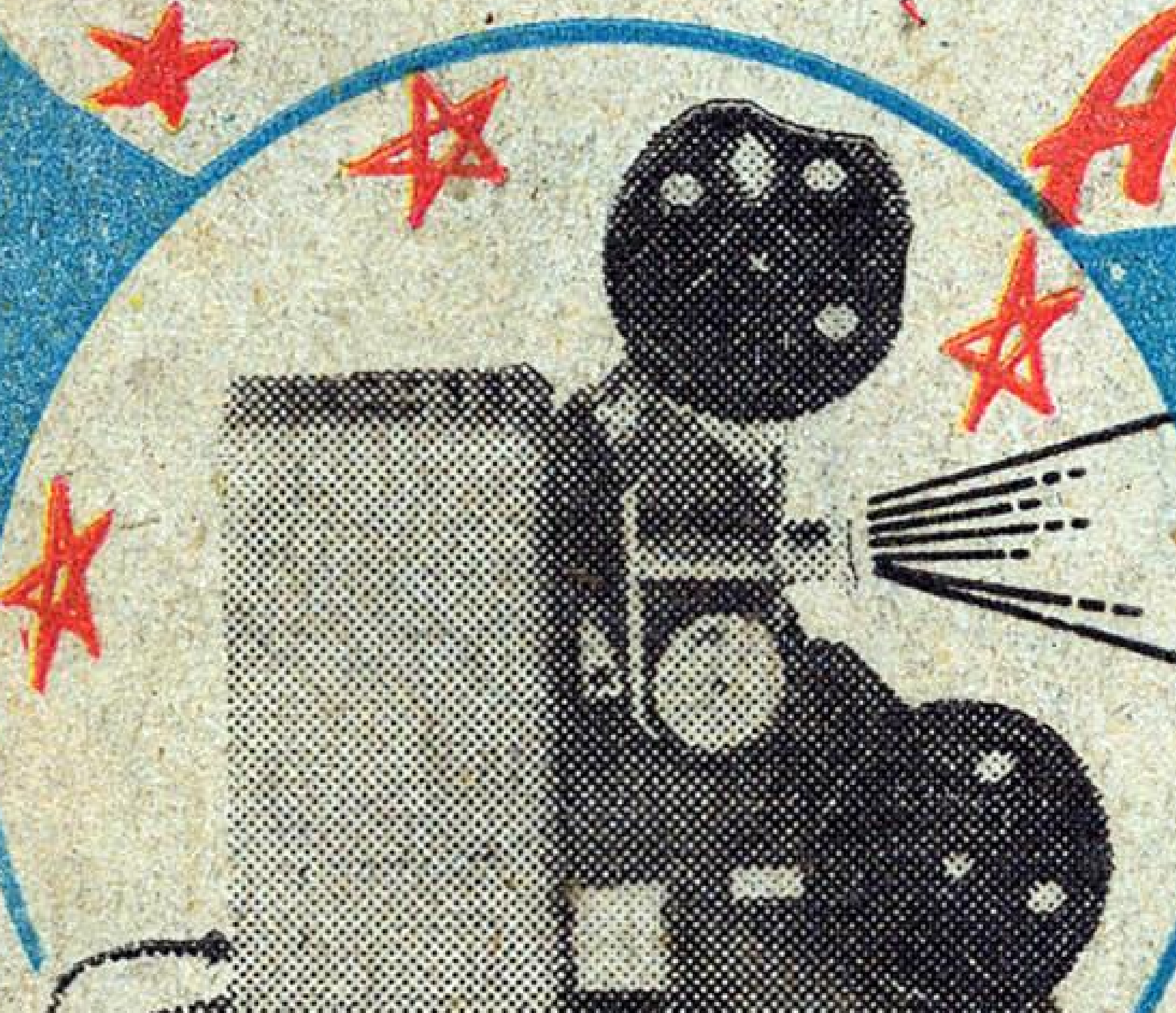

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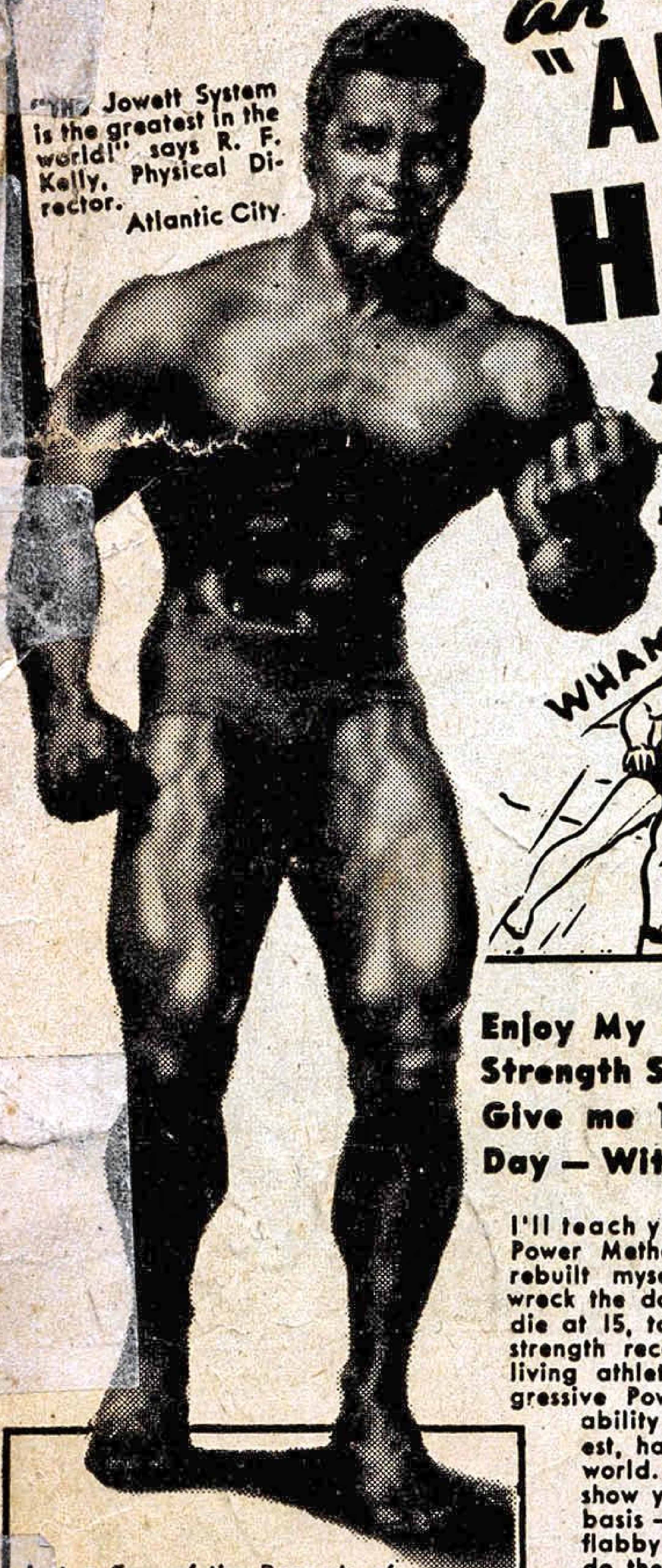

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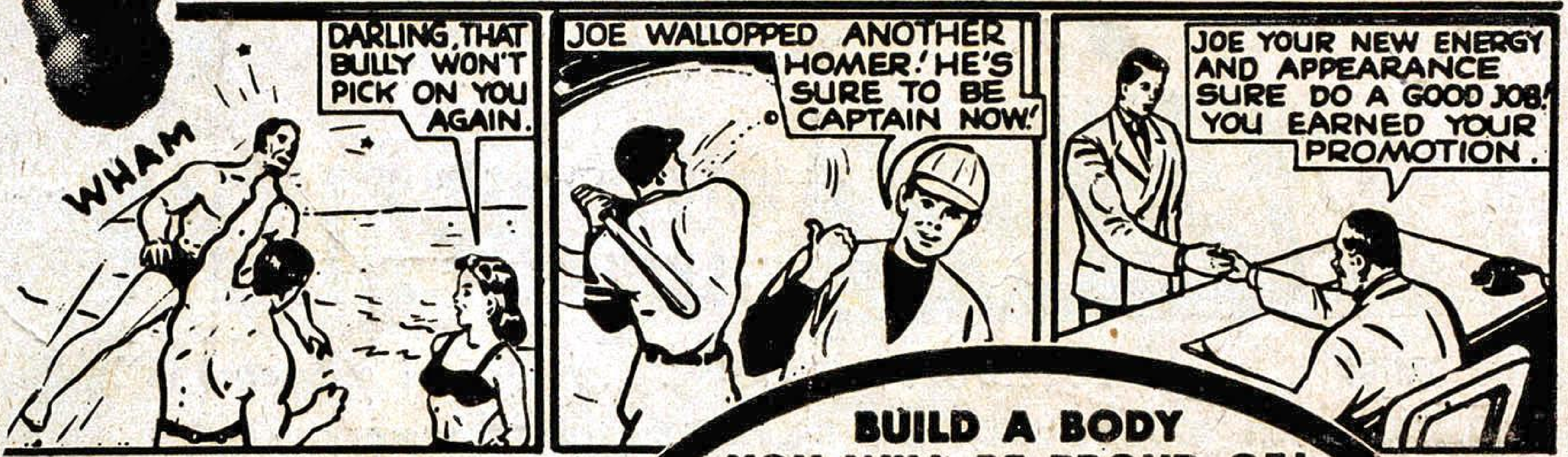
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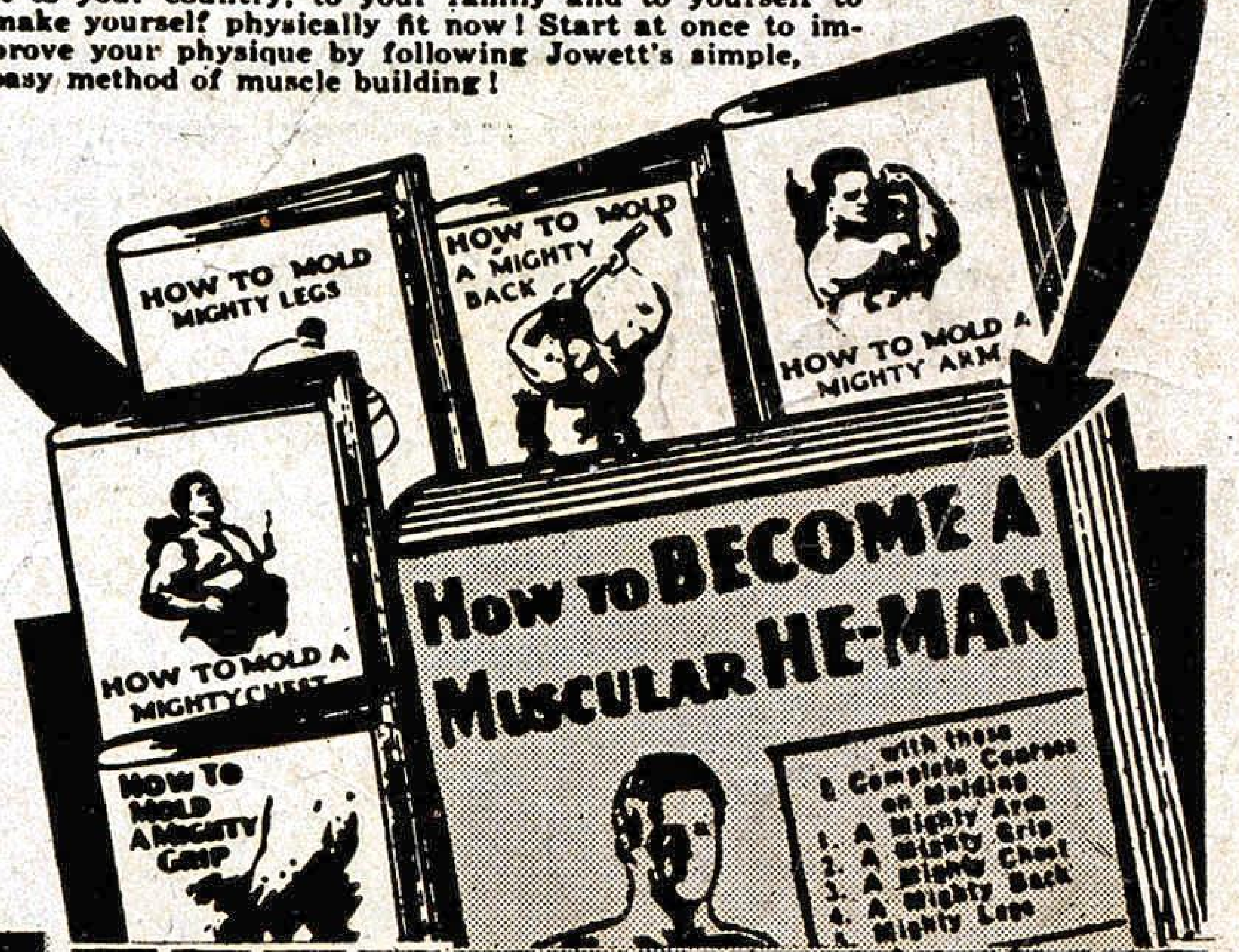
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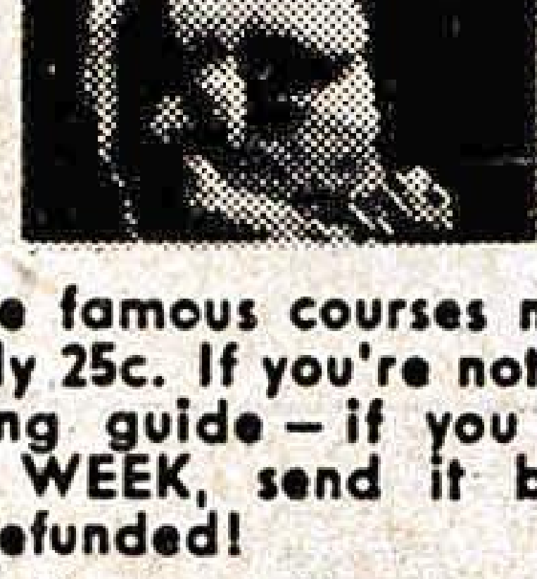

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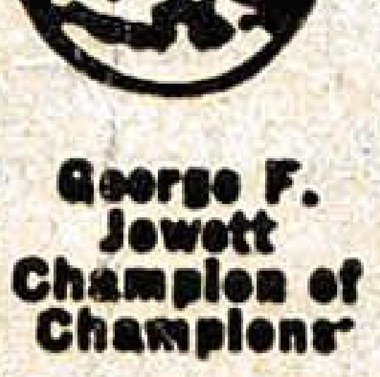

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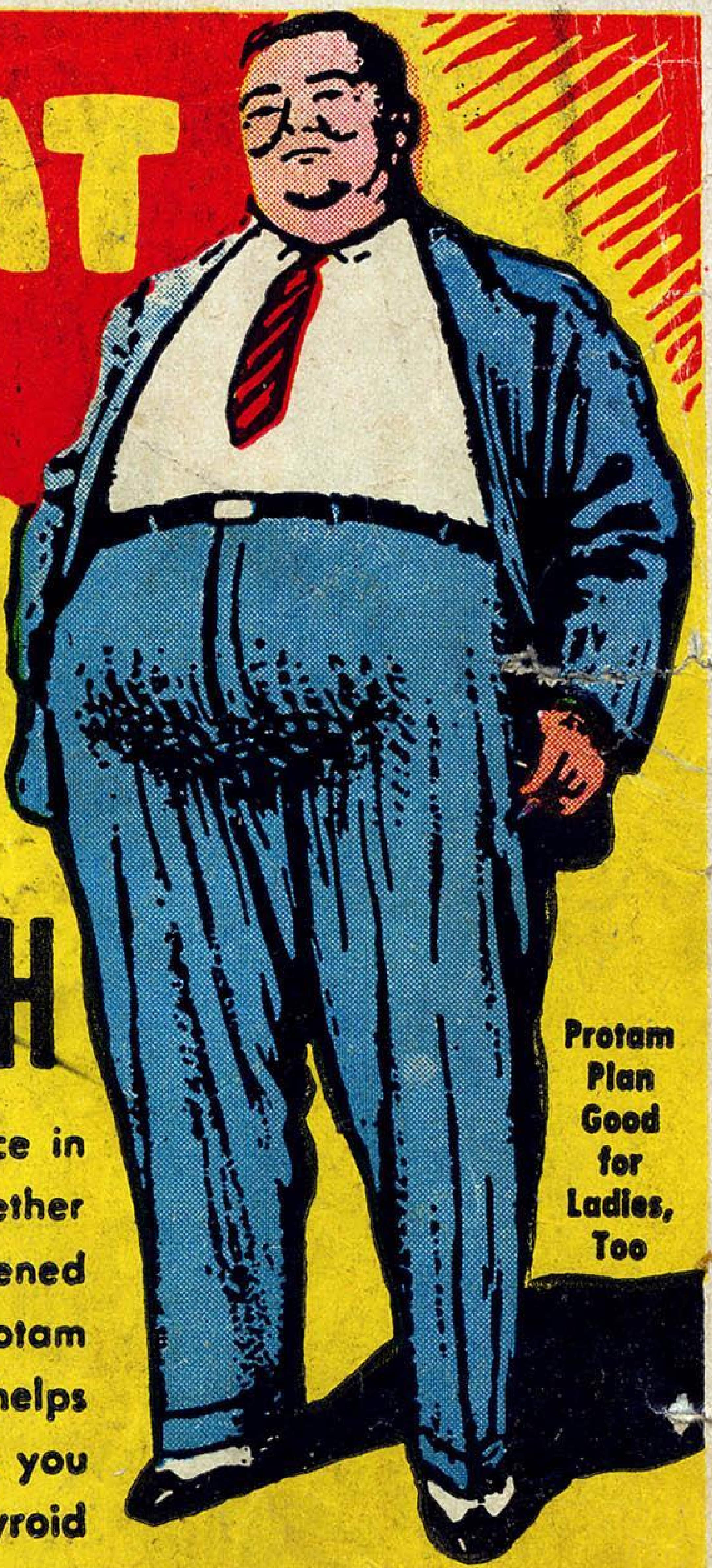

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